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Mariel Reyes, an 8th grader from Dandan Middle School, presents her winning design for this year's theme "Grab the wheels of education...Steer your way to success" to Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero on Friday. Her design depicts a "wheel" around a fire guided by the brave hands of students.

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The first stage of Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s Community Benefit Fund under its exclusive Saipan casino license agreement with the CNMI government is coming into fruition.

The Inos administration confirmed Saturday that the Hong Kong-based investor already deposited \$10 million in escrow, representing the promised utility vouchers to customers of the Commonwealth

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CHC performs 1st heart procedure

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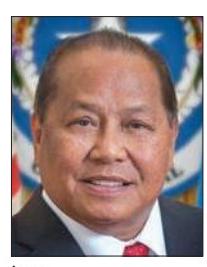
In a first attempt ever for the Commonwealth's public hospital, physicians performed a lifesaving heart procedure: they were able to insert a device called a transvenous pacemaker in a patient who is awaiting transfer off island for the placement of a permanent pacemaker.

According to information disclosed by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. over the weekend, the

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Inos in PH hospital for 'routine procedure'

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Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider has been serving as acting governor of the CNMI after Gov. Eloy S. Inos left for the Philippines last week for a "routine procedure" at an undisclosed hospital in Metro Manila.

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* last night that the 65-year-old Inos is

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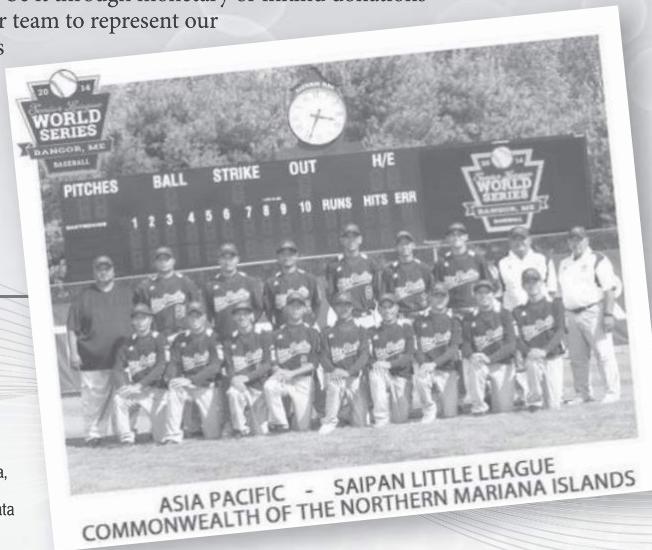
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CHCC, CPA working to identify isolation site for Ebola if it comes

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The public hospital is working with the Commonwealth Ports Authority in identifying an area of isolation for the Ebola virus should it ever reach the CNMI's shores.

According to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña, enhanced entry screening is now being done at five major airports in the United States to try to prevent a U.S. outbreak.

"The CNMI has the resources and the manpower to isolate a person who may have Ebola," she assured.

Muna said that Gov. Eloy S. Inos is fully aware of the surveillance team CHCC has created.

The process of isolating a patient who is found infected with the virus is through Contact Tracing, which is used to isolate active cases to stop the spread of the virus.

The process includes isolation and provision of care and getting the patient's contacts and their contacts. If the contacts show symptoms, they are

immediately isolated, tested and provided care. Other contacts are monitored for symptoms of sickness for 21 days.

Muña said that CHCC is monitoring daily and have resources from the federal government as well as adequate health professionals to handle the disease.

CNMI surveillance team

Warren Villagomez, director of CHCC Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Programs, makes sure that all surveillance activities and monitoring are done at all critical access points and sentinel sites every day, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and protocol.

Muna said that CDC continues to be CHCC's reliable source for information for any communicable disease or outbreak.

CHCC will also be performing training exercises for their frontline staff and Emergency Room staff.

According to Muña, updates and protocol are being sent to local, state, and federal partners

twice a week and they are in close communication with the CDC Quarantine Office in Hawaii for any support.

Advice to public

Symptoms for Ebola include fever greater than 101.5 degree Fahrenheit, severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal (stomach) pain, and lack of appetite.

The symptoms may appear anywhere from two to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, although eight to 10 days is most common. Some who become sick with Ebola are able to recover. It is not fully understood why; however, patients who die usually have not developed a significant immune response to the virus at the time of death.

Ebola can't be caught through air, water, or food and can only be gotten from touching blood or body fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola, touching contaminated objects, like needles, touching infected animals, their blood or other body fluids or their meat.

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Two men get 13, 7 years in prison for beating up 2 others

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Two men were slapped on Thursday with 13-year and seven-year prison terms over separate beatings that seriously injured two other men whom they also robbed of their wallets and other items.

Donovan S. Ludwig, 21, pleaded guilty to burglary, two counts of assault and battery, and one count of theft. Kesner Esefow, 20, pleaded guilty to burglary.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced Ludwig to 13 years in prison, with 10 years to be served day for day without the possibility of parole. After serving 10 years, Ludwig will be eligible for parole. He was given credit for 44 days of time served. He was required to pay a \$100 court costs and \$400 probation fees.

Naraja sentenced Esefow to 10 years in prison, with the first seven years to be served day for day without the possibility of parole. After seven years, Esefow will be eligible for parole. He was given credit for 44 days of time served.

Ludwig and Esefow were ordered to jointly pay Tatsuhiko Chubachi in the amount of \$4,772.95 and the second victim, Dagger Diaz, in the amount of \$2,121.31 as restitution to victims.

The defendants were also ordered to pay continuing restitution for medical expenses and

associated costs for injuries suffered by Chubachi and repair or replacement of a laptop that was damaged in the attacks.

The Office of the Attorney General charged the defendants each with kidnapping, burglary, conspiracy, assault with a dangerous weapon, two counts of assault and battery, and one count of theft.

As part of the plea deal, the OAG moved to dismiss the remaining charges. The court granted the motion.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on Aug. 24, 2014 at 2am on Saipan, Ludwig punched Chubachi with his fists, causing him injuries.

Later that morning at 3am, Ludwig along with Esefow entered the residence of Chubachi at an apartment in Garapan.

While inside, Ludwig struck Diaz, causing him bodily harm. Accompanied by Esefow, Ludwig then stole the property of Chubachi and Diaz, including a plastic cooler, a cell phone, a laptop, \$80 in currency, and a 2005 Mazda 3 car from Chubachi's residence.

Chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty appeared for the government at the change of plea hearing. Court-appointed counsel Robert Myers and chief public defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Ludwig and Esefow respectively.

According to a police report, Chubachi, 37, sustained a brain contusion, a fractured nose, a fractured eye socket, and internal head bleeding.

PSS: 5 buses down for repair

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Only 12 of the Public School System's 17 buses are running, with the five out for maintenance and waiting parts from vendors, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan at a Board of Education meeting on Friday.

"Our vendors are not able to secure the appropriate parts that we need for the buses that are down," Sablan told the board.

She said PSS Pupil and Transportation manager Kino Rosario is working closely with their vendors to "get those parts immediately."

PSS buses are fairly new, but with high usage, and the care of 66 children per bus, tires have to be changed out regularly, according to federal programs officer Tim Thornburg.

PSS spends about \$200,000 to \$250,000 a year just on bus maintenance, according to Thornburg.

PSS uses federal funds to cover a portion of the amount but once that is gone they will have to "totally depend on the local budget for support," Thornburg said.



Sablan

Diaz, 26, sustained a fractured right orbit below the eyeball, laceration on the back of the head, and a hemorrhage in the right eye.

Police said Esefow and Ludwig separately beat up the victims in Kagman and Garapan last Aug. 24. The suspects also took the victims' wallets and other items.

Prior to the beating, police said the four were drinking, eating, and swimming at a beach on Saipan.

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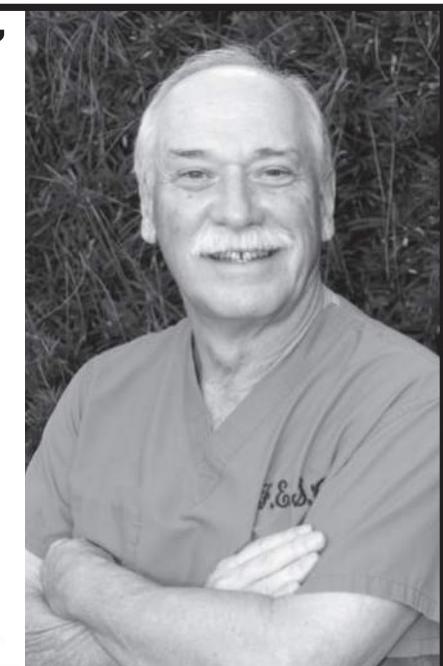
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Officials celebrate native culture, CNMI as melting pot

Government officials yesterday celebrated the islands' cultural diversity and urged the preservation of the unique traditions and customs of Chamorros and Carolinians as the CNMI celebrates Commonwealth Cultural Day today.

It marks the ninth year the CNMI is celebrating the holiday. Public and private schools, government agencies, and banks are closed today in commemoration of the former Columbus Day.

Culture promoted at arts and craft show Sunday

For Samoan Aofia Tuilosega, workshops, fairs and arts and the holiday arts and crafts show yesterday at the Multi-Purpose Center was one way for her and her mother Flowerpot Salas to preserve their culture.

"We don't just sell. We do it to preserve our culture and be proud of who you are," Tuilosega said.

The arts and crafts show yesterday featured leaf painting by Ernie Davis, deep-sea and island photographs by Mark and Tammy James, and was organized by Tokie Mojica, from the Mar-

"The administration wishes everyone in the CNMI a wonderful Commonwealth Cultural Day as we individually or collectively express and share with each others our unique cultures and traditions," said Gov. Eloy S. Inos' acting press secretary Ivan Blanco in an email.

House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) seconded the administration's call for respecting all races and their unique cultures. At the same time, he urged the native people

of the CNMI to continue to perpetuate and cultivate their own traditions and customs.

"As we embrace our own individual cultures, it's also a good time to acknowledge the diversity of culture in our islands," he said in a phone interview.

He also said he's glad that the CNMI chose to replace Columbus Day with Commonwealth Cultural Day in 2006.

"Columbus didn't discover us. It would've been Magellan

Day [if we didn't opt for Commonwealth Cultural Day]," he said in jest.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), meanwhile, championed the preservation of the CNMI's Chamorro and Carolinian cultures in his message to the community.

"From the freedom of expression we all feel when speaking our indigenous language, to the great strength we all find in our family ties, our Commonwealth culture remains central to our lives today and every day. I wish everyone the best on Commonwealth Cultural Day and urge us

York and even Colorado.

"No matter where you are in the world, you can always take an old flower that you love and go to Washington and they'll right away point you out in the crowd and say 'Hey! You're an islander! You're one of us,'" she said.

One item on sale yesterday was a dress skirt made from "pagu" or hibiscus tree bark, which according to Aofia, takes as much as three months to harvest the raw materials.

The stripped bark sits in the ocean for a month, tied in a rice-sack and set down by blocks so waves won't wash the bark away. It is then dried under the

sun for another month. The material can be used for canoes or skirts, according to Tuilosega.

Flowerpot Salas also sold flowers yesterday, among other popular items like their *mwar mwas*, shell bracelets, beads, and woven mats and hats.

"Every island girl always need to have a flower. It doesn't matter if you're from the Pacific, Malaysia, or Micronesia," she said.

Silk-stockings, tapa, or mulberry bark, to cloth and pandus are used to make flowers, according to Tuilosega. (**Dennis B. Chan**)

had this thing done long ago. His health is OK and we only ask the people to remember him in prayer as he undergoes this minor procedure."

Blanco said Inos' health has always been an open book. As reported earlier by *Saipan Tribune*, the governor has been receiving dialysis treatment thrice a week.

Inos'

political opponents have been making this an issue against him in the Nov. 4 general elections.

This is Inos' first time to seek election as governor. He is running with Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) as his lieutenant governor candidate. The other gubernatorial candidates are former governor Juan N. Babauta, an independent; former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, also an independent;

Hofschneider off to Rota

Blanco, meanwhile, said that acting governor Hofschneider

would be visiting Rota today to inspect the damage brought by Typhoon Vongfong a week ago, Oct. 6.

"Acting governor wants to go down there to see first hand what happened and what's taking the [damage] assessment so long," said the acting PIO.

Accompanying Hofschneider on the trip is Homeland Security & Emergency Management special adviser Marvin Seman, Attorney General Gil Birnbirch, and Blanco himself.

The government is expected to verify whether the damage sustained on the island when totaled with the damage on Tinian and Saipan will breach the \$1-million threshold that will qualify the CNMI to request for federal disaster funding from President Barack Obama.

vouchers, which shall be distributed in consultation with Inos.

Other components of the Community Benefit Fund is within 60 days of commencing construction work on the first hotel in the integrated casino project, Best Sunshine should contribute \$20 million to "education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, employee retirement benefits, as may be determined in consultation with the governor."

In addition, under the Saipan casino license agreement, Best Sunshine is required "upon the first full year of operation" to annually contribute \$20 million for community benefit programs (education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, and employee retirement benefits) as again determined by the governor of the CNMI.

now. Times are difficult. I have children studying and the power rates are high. I want to thank Best Sunshine for the gesture. It's really a big help to CUC consumers."

Acosta's monthly utility bill averages \$200. Originally from the Philippines, she has been living on Saipan for more than 20 years.

Larry Pangilinan of Gualo Rai agreed with Acosta that \$10 million in utility vouchers would be a big help. He said the money that would have been used to pay for utilities would instead go to groceries and other needs of their family of four.

Under the Community Benefit Fund, Best Sunshine is obligated within 60 days of the issuance of the exclusive Saipan casino license to provide \$10 million in the form of "Commonwealth Utility Company"

all to respect and preserve our unique and ancient heritage."

According to the 2010 CNMI Census, the Northern Marianas is home to over 15,000 Chamorros and Carolinians, more than 3,000 Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, more than 3,000 Chinese, over 19,000 Filipinos, more than 2,000 Koreans, and nearly 2,000 citizens of other Asian countries.

Columbus Day was renamed Commonwealth Cultural Day, pursuant to Public Law 15-4 that was enacted in

April 2006. This law, which renamed Columbus Day, also declared Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a legal holiday in the CNMI, and combined the Jan. 9 Commonwealth Day and March 24 Covenant Day into the Commonwealth Covenant Day.

Columbus Day is a legal holiday commemorating the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus in 1492. It is observed by most states on the second Monday of October. (**Mark Rabago**)

CHC

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patient developed a condition known as a third-degree heart block in which the natural pacemaker for the heart no longer works and the heart rate slows to life-threatening levels.

Due to "logistical issues," the patient was not going to be able to travel anywhere any time soon. CHCC contacted the Medical Referral Office, which has relationships with several hospitals in the Philippines and in Guam. MRO's Ron Sablan contacted CHCC's partners at the Medical City and at Asian Hospital.

According to CHCC, both hospitals went to work in providing CHCC with a transvenous pacemaker for the patient so that CHCC could stabilize and transfer the patient when the "logistical issues" were resolved.

"Both hospitals came through for us but the Medical City came through just before Asian Hospital and arranged to send us the pacemaker catheter and a generator, which enabled us to perform this lifesaving procedure for this patient," CHCC said.

Sablan said both hospitals were more than happy to help out and wasted no time in responding to their request.

"The partnerships that we have established will make collaborative efforts such as this possible in the future, which will result in lives saved, improved delivery of health care to our citizens, and a reduction in costs to the CNMI government overall by allowing more judicious and efficient use of our resources," he said.

Sablan said that Medical Referral often face time sensitive issues in getting appropriate care for CHCC patients and arrangements like this gives them another dimension to the spectrum of care that they are able to provide for the CNMI.

"We are always looking to improve our ability to respond to the needs of our patients," he said.

CHCC said that in the past, the only option available at the public hospital for treatment was temporary pacing, which means placing pads on the chest and back and delivering electrical shocks 60 to 80 times per minute.

"As one would imagine, this is a very uncomfortable proposition and requires the patient to be sedated to the point of unconsciousness and remain that way for the duration of the pacing,

which goes on until the patient can be airlifted to another facility for implantation of a permanent pacemaker to take over the damaged heart," CHCC's Dr. John Doyle said.

Doyle said that beside the discomfort, there is an inherent danger in sedating someone for so long and requiring a ventilator and breathing tube during the sedation.

Doyle also said that during the procedure, a thin catheter with a wire is placed in one of the large veins in the neck or chest and advanced into the right ventricle of the heart.

"It is then hooked up to a Pulse Generator, which delivers a much smaller and undetectable shock to the heart muscle and causes it to contract at whatever rate is set on the generator," he said.

CHCC's chief executive officer Esther Muña said the process was an exciting development for the hospital and for patients and that life technologies such as the procedure performed can mean the difference between surviving and dying.

"These are changes we are striving for at CHCC in order to provide the best care that we can for the citizens of the CNMI," Muña said.

"We have been steadily increasing the services that we can provide locally that address the specific health needs of our people," she added.

Muña said they are now doing cardiac testing—which in the past was referred off island at great expense and inconvenience for CHCC's patients—and this has allowed CHCC to more accurately determine what the patient needs and expedites the delivery of appropriate care.

Despite CHCC's budgetary challenges, the hospital still looks for innovative ways to improve health care delivery and to find areas where they can effectively change the outcomes in particularly challenging cases.

"This case is just one more example of our providers and our governmental agencies and collaborating hospitals working together to provide solutions to difficult problems," Muña said.

She said the new relationships with their partner hospitals through Medical Referral will help CHCC have devices available for use in emergency situations in the CNMI.

"This will go a long way toward taking us to the next level in providing for the needs of our patients at CHCC," she said.

INOS

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currently in the Philippines after leaving Saipan "last Tuesday or Wednesday."

"It's just a routine follow-up or procedure. He has to be back on the 24th because that evening we need to fly to Rota for the [CNMI Republican Party campaign] kickoff. He's going to be back after two weeks. He was in good spirits when he left the islands," said Blanco in a phone interview.

He said governor was scheduled to have the minor health procedure for months but had to put it off because of his busy schedule.

"He has been putting it off because of the typhoon and the casino things. He should have

BEST

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Utilities Corp.

"Best Sunshine transferred \$10 million to [an] escrow account today on time per [its] agreement with the CNMI government. CUC only needs to send data on the number of residential accounts and other important information," said acting press secretary Ivan Blanco in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Emails to Best Sunshine officials inquiring about the framework of the \$10 million in utility vouchers were unanswered as of press time.

CUC consumers met the news with mixed reactions.

Businessman Max Leuta from Dandan said he hopes Best Sunshine's promised util-

'Military plan for Pagan will endanger native species'

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REPORTER

A whole range of the terrestrial snail species, the *Partula gibba*, lies in the Marianas between Guam and Pagan, and is among the many biological resources native to Pagan that are threatened by the proposed military plan for the region, according to Dr. Michael Hadfield, who was part of a U.S. Fish & Wildlife survey on Pagan in 2010.

"The biological resource was rich [on Pagan]. It is important to the people of the Marianas just for its own value so that their children, and children's children down the line can see what nature looks like unaltered. The fact then that the military practices will destroy that is unquestionable," he said.

Hadfield, who is known as an authority in his field, spoke with *Saipan Tribune* of his personal discovery of Pagan and the possible effects of the proposed military buildup there.

"[In 2010], you could imagine how ignorant I was at that point. I simply started learning as much about the history of Pagan island, the geology of Pagan island, the human history of Pagan island, the biology," he said.

His research team was the first of the teams on Pagan in May 2010 who were also doing research on birds, insect, and vegetation.

"When I landed the camps weren't there, there were just mounds with blue tarp over them and a lot of barrels of aviation gas, so I helped set up the camp," he said.

During his 13 nights on Pagan, Hadfield relied on decades-old notes left by Dr. Yoshio Kondo, who did snail research on Pagan after the war in 1949, as well as vegetation maps he put together from aerial photos provide by U.S. Fish and Wildlife for select areas to travel to.

He was able to get close to areas where Kondo found the snails but noted how clearly what Kondo left in his notes had changed due to wild cattle on Pagan.

"The understory in those areas are just gone, there is no bushes, there is very little grass, and that's where the snails would have been. We looked in all the areas that Kondo had gone," Hadfield.

His team looked up the north side of Pagan, the west side, through the middle, and through miles of coconuts trees for the tree snails, and was finally was able to get a helicopter to lift them into Pagan's caldera, a volcanic crater in the southern part of the island, where Kondo had climbed before.

They found the snails there. According to Hadfield, along the volcano's rim is a fair amount of native forests where the snails were found

in four different spots and were "quite abundant."

"That's really the treasure of the treasure," he said. "But quite abundant means hundreds, not thousands."

More than 200 snails were found, according to his report to Fish and Wildlife.

The report also noted that forest that had been reported to have had *Partula gibba* are now without them.

Preliminary genetic analysis also indicated that the populations of *Partula gibba* on Pagan are significantly diverse from those in Guam. Also, the genetic distances between *Partula gibba* on Saipan, Sarigan, and Pagan are as great, or greater, than those typically observed between separate species in many animal taxa.

Research would be conducted to determine whether these snails should be considered variants, subspecies or even separate species.

"If they were people we'd call them races," Hadfield quipped.

Because the snail population is small, unique, and genetically diverse, Hadfield recommends that they deserve protection.

"The whole range of that species now is about a mile across," he said of Pagan's unique snails.

He said the reports to Fish and Wildlife showed that more than half of the insect species found were endemic to the Marianas islands, and that plants and bird show similar results.

"We were really blown away by the birds. I've been all over

the world, and I've been in Asia, Africa, Europe, India, and Pagan is the only island I have been to where all the birds are native [to the region]," he said.

'Destruction on the way'

Hadfield, who lives in Hawaii, said he has "fought the military for years," especially over O'ahu's Makua Valley where live-fire military training has been conducted.

The valley is packed with deep grass higher than his head and dries out in the late summer, according to Hadfield, and holds some endangered species.

"They keep firing and it catches fire and burns, so this burning grass of course takes the forest away, but in that valley there are some endangered

tree snails, birds, and some endangered plants. We fought the military there for years because every year they would start more fires, more of the forests would disappear," he said.

He cited the Bikini Atoll, Kaho'olawe, Enewetak, Vieques, and Diego Garcia as examples of islands devastated by military use.

Hadfield does not believe the military will confine its activities to the northern part of Pagan, as they claim, with a fence running the middle part of the island, away from the hard sought snails he found on the southern end.

"I have no confidence that it will remain just that," he said, claiming that the wording of their intent allows for the tak-

ing of the entire island for live-fire training.

"What's important here is that these snails are unique to the Marianas Islands, and if people say, 'So what, what about snails, what about trees, so what about lizards?' we start knocking off nature and then where do you stop? My

own feeling, of course, is that it all has value, it just has value, its natural value," he said.

More details on the proposed live-fire training in the Marianas can be found at cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com/documents. Hadfield's Save Pagan initiative can be found savepaganisland.org.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB14-GOV-147



Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Construction of New Concrete Gualo Rai Reservoir with stairs and accessories.
- Demolition and removal of existing Gualo Rai Welded Steel Tank to include but is not limited to its tank concrete foundation and appurtenances.
- Modification of existing water supply pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Installation of Temporary Water Tanks, piping, fittings and chlorination/
- Construction of Chain Link fence and retaining walls.
- Removal of temporary facilities and control
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new tank and waterlines.
- Asphalt paving.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **September 22, 2014** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anathan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m.**, on **October 3, 2014**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **October 2, 2014**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB14-GOV-147**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 22, 2014**, and must be received no later than October 31, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **October 31, 2014**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **October 22, 2014**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director, Procurement & Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP14-GOV-150



Legal Services For Water Task Force (Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Governor's Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **September 29, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM October 10, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMAIC 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Legal Services RFP14-GOV-150**". One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00pm, October 29, 2014 (CNMI Local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director, Procurement & Supply

Quichocho likely disbarred in fed court

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REPORTER

After the Superior Court suspended him from the practice of law for three years, lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho may also likely be disbarred in the U.S. District Court.

This developed as U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Thursday directed Quichocho to explain why the Superior Court order that disbarred him should not be imposed by the federal court.

Manglona said she is in possession of a certified copy of the Superior Court's disbarment order issued on July 16, 2014.

Manglona said any claim that the imposition of identical discipline would be unwarranted

must be made within 30 days.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered the disbarment of Quichocho from the practice of law in CNMI courts for professional misconduct in representing his then-client, businesswoman Jung Ja Kim.

Last Aug. 13, Manglona suspended Quichocho from the practice of law in federal court for a period of three years following Camacho's suspension of the lawyer.

Last May 28, Camacho suspended Quichocho's license to practice law for three years for professional misconduct by using a legal tool to harass a former client to get payment.

Last July, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wise-

man ordered a public reprimand against Quichocho for professional misconduct in connection with another Bar complaint filed by a couple.

Last March 28, a federal jury reached a unanimous verdict, holding Quichocho and his wife, and his law firm liable to pay \$2.4 million in damages to Jung Ja Kim, who filed a racketeering lawsuit against them.

Attorney Michael Dotts, who served as counsel for Quichocho and his law firm in that racketeering lawsuit, recently filed a lawsuit against Quichocho for allegedly failing to pay \$173,187.70 in attorney's fees and costs incurred during his representation in that case.

Quichocho was last reported to be in Tacoma, Washington.

Dela Cruz asks PSS' reinvestment in IT program for Tinian schools

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Tinian Mayor's Office is requesting the Public School System to include information technology programs for Tinian schools next school year.

In a Friday letter to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz said the impending casino and military projects on the island will result in a surge in demand for vocational skills.

"We are anticipating a strong need for technically qualified individuals on Tinian within both the public and private sectors to meet the demand presented by the anticipated population growth due to casino industry and military development," Dela Cruz said.

These expansion efforts on Tinian include the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, the construction of the new Alter City Group golf course, hotel and casino, along with the military buildup.

"The job market on Tinian will be growing significantly over the next five years," Dela Cruz said. Dela Cruz asked Sablan for reinvestment in a comprehensive information technology program from Kindergarten through 12th grade to prepare Tinian's youth to take the jobs when they become available.

According to Dela Cruz, Tinian Elementary School and Tinian Jr./Sr. High School have had computer laboratories in the past but these were disbanded due to a lack of school-based IT instructors and computer technicians.

"We need a vocational education program that will teach our youth how to use the various computer applications utilized in both the public and private sectors."

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-001

Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (CHST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (CHST) to be considered.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (CHST)**.

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

A **Proposal Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (CHST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Search suspended for man who fell overboard in FSM

New show cause order vs Woodruff

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered lawyer Stephen C. Woodruff to explain why he should not be suspended from the practice of law in federal court and otherwise discipline him for failure to comply with the court's orders.

In an order to show cause on Thursday, Manglona directed Woodruff to appear in court on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 10:30am.

On Friday, Woodruff filed a motion asking the federal court to immediately reseal the case.

Woodruff said this case began as a sealed matter but was unsealed when Manglona entered an order imposing reciprocal discipline.

Woodruff said Manglona subsequently withdrew the suspension order but failed to reseal the case.

"As a consequence, the local news media have publicly reported most, if not all, filings in this case," he said.

Woodruff said publicity regarding this case during these critical weeks would potentially negatively affect his electoral prospects without due process of law and thus unfairly prejudice him in the political arena "in which the court has a profound duty to remain circumspect, at the very least."

Woodruff is running for a Saipan Senate seat in the Nov. 4, 2014 general election.

In the show cause order, Manglona said a review of the docket shows that for the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September 2014, Woodruff has not notified the court of the progress of his disciplinary matter in CNMI courts.

Furthermore, the judge said it has come to her attention that on Aug. 9, 2013, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law in the CNMI courts for failure to pay his 2013 annual Bar membership fees.

Manglona said continued membership in federal court's bar is limited to attorneys "who are active members in good

standing of the Commonwealth Supreme Court Bar..."

It appears, Manglona said, that Woodruff is no longer an active member in good standing of that Bar.

On Aug. 8, 2013, Manglona required Woodruff within the last five days of each month to notify the court, in writing, of the progress of his disciplinary matter in Commonwealth courts.

In that Aug. 8, order, the judge said any failure to comply with the order may subject Woodruff to fines imposed for civil contempt.

On Oct. 8, 2013, Manglona issued a show cause order why Woodruff should not be held in civil contempt for failure to submit progress reports for August and September 2013.

After a show-cause hearing on Oct. 11, 2013, Manglona excused the respondent's noncompliance but put him on notice "that any further disobedience or resistance to the court's Aug. 3 order may subject him to prosecution for criminal contempt as well as disciplinary action under the court's local rules.

CHUUK, Federated States of Micronesia—On the morning of Oct. 11, 2014, the Coast Guard District 14 commander, Rear Adm. Cari Thomas, suspended the search for a 32-year-old male who fell overboard when the vessel he and three other men were traveling in was swamped by a wave on a journey from Chuuk to Hall Islands in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The four men never made it to their destination on the afternoon of Oct. 5, 2014. The men were returning from a supply run from Chuuk when their vessel began taking on water and eventually capsized after being hit by a wave.

Responders from FSM searched the islands of Chuuk, Nowin, and Murilo for two days for the overdue vessel. U.S. Coast Guard Sector Gum

received notification of the missing craft with four persons aboard on Oct. 7 and began coordinating efforts to assist in the search. Sector Guam enlisted support from passing commercial vessels and military air stations within the region to search the waters between Chuuk and Hall Islands.

On the evening of Oct. 8, the AMVER vessel *Nord Venus* located and recovered three persons in the water approximately 20 nautical miles north of Chuuk. The three men were part of the four-man crew that was reported overdue. The three survivors were taken to Chuuk for medical evaluations. No major injuries were reported and all three men are recovering from their ordeal.

On the afternoon of Oct. 9, Sector Guam received a report that a Good Samaritan vessel

sighted the missing skiff approximately 30 nautical miles north of Chuuk and towed the vessel to Hall Islands. Despite locating three crewmembers and the 19-foot skiff, responders were unable to locate the fourth crewmember.

Searches were conducted Oct. 5 through 10. The six-day search was conducted by sea and air assets and encompassed nearly 5,453 square nautical miles.

Agencies involved in the search include FSM (small boats from Chuuk, Nowin, and Murilo atolls); AMVER vessels *New Stage*, *Pro Emerald*, and *Nord Venus*; U.S. Navy P-3 and P-8 aircrafts from U.S. Air Base Kadena; U.S. Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Air Station Barbers Point; and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam. (USCG)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FOA membership meeting reset

The Friends of the Arts has postponed its membership meeting to Oct. 21, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. The meeting will include a delicious Chinese buffet and musical and thespian entertainment. (PR)

Library Association Fundraiser Oct. 17

The Commonwealth Association of Archives, Libraries and Museums is still selling tickets for its fundraising event on Oct. 17, 2014 at the Pacific Islands Club, 6pm to 9pm. Funds raised will go toward defraying the cost of attending the 24th annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums Conference, on Nov. 10 - 15 in Koror, Palau. Participation in this event will allow CNMI librarians to collaborate and establish networks with colleagues throughout Micronesia. For tickets or questions regarding the fundraiser, contact Greg Sablan at 237-6798 or gregorio.sablan@marianas.edu, Erlinda Naputi at 235-7322 or ecnaputi@gmail.com. (PR)

Free screening of new documentary

Voice of the Marianas will be screening a new documentary about the making of an improvisational play. Titled *What We Really Think*, the documentary is directed by Barbara Sher and features Marianas High School students as the cast and Galvin Deleon Guerrero as the videographer. The documentary will be shown at the American Memorial Park on Oct. 17, at 7pm. It's free

and open to the public. (PR)

SDA School to host bowling tournament

The Saipan SDA School will be hosting its first Bowling Tournament on Oct. 19, 2014, at the Saipan Bowling Center at J's Restaurant. There will be cash prizes of \$120 for first place; \$100 for second place; and \$80 for third place. Registration starts at 1pm; games start at 1:30pm. Tickets cost \$15. Visit the Saipan SDA School website for more information or call 234-7326 (CCA)

Survivors, caregivers support group meeting on Oct. 16

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarinas.org. (CCA)



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 14-002 NMC Air-Conditioning Project

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and installation of high efficiency air-conditioning units for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, September 15, 2014 between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m., as Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection for interested person, firms and corporation will be held on September 24, 2014 at 9:00am, NMC Procurement Management Office, Bldg. L, 2nd floor, conference room.

This procurement is 100% Federally Funded made available from the Office of Insular Affairs, Empowering Insular Communities Program.

In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., October 16, 2014, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ David J. Attao
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Seabees return to Pohnpei for five CCAD projects

The U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Unit 133 from Gulfport, Missouri, arrived on Sept. 15 to tackle five new Construction Civic Action Duty, or CCAD, projects. The Seabees' efforts will keep them busy until the end of the year, and will benefit local communities. No Compact money is used for these projects, as the U.S. Department of Defense fully funds CCAD activities.

The Pohnpei state government identified the five high-priority projects for the Seabees. They have already started the first two. The team has broken ground on a changing house at the Pohnpei swimming pool. The new facility will feature separate men's and women's changing rooms complete with showers and restrooms. They have also begun work at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei office building to repair extensive termite damage. This will require a complete rebuild of all non-concrete portions of the building. The Seabees have already gutted the structure and are installing new plumbing fixtures, wiring, doors, trusses, and roofing.

The team will also renovate three other sites: Kolonia Elementary, the Sokehs Dispensary, and the Pohnlongas Dispensary.

This is the second time a CCAD team has visited Pohnpei. On their previous tour they renovated the Pohnpei Public Library, the Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Clinic, and buildings at PICS and Ohmine Elementary Schools.

Initially, the CCAD program was proposed during the U.S.-FSM Joint Committee Meeting in August 2010 to enhance U.S.-FSM partnership and cooperation. The CCAD program rotates deployments, visiting a different FSM state every six months. Thus each state will receive CCAD as-

sistance every two years. This is contingent on the respective State Governments submitting a list of suitable projects for JCM review.

The CCAD program provides a number of direct benefits to the islands in addition to the finished construction projects. The program purchases all materials from on-island vendors, which helps stimulate the island's economy. Additionally, the CCAD team trains local apprentices. The Pohnpei Department of Education selected eight people to work alongside the current CCAD team. The apprenticeship program provides an opportunity not only for the Seabees to share their engineering and construction skills but also for them to learn from local workers.

The U.S. Department of Defense funds 100 percent of the CCAD program. They cover all the military labor expenses and the building materials. There is no cost to Pohnpei State or the FSM national government. It is fully separate from Compact funding.

The funding mechanism for CCAD is also separate from the Humanitarian Aid for the Federated States of Micronesia. Pohnpei residents may remember that Pohnpei Gov. John Ehsa chose HAFSM to renovate the Pohnpei State Hospital in April 2013. The HAFSM program tackles larger projects. In the case of HAFSM, the DOD provides all the labor, but Compact funds pay for materials. Just like CCAD, these materials are purchased from local vendors. HAFSM also features an apprenticeship program for skills and knowledge transfer, which ultimately benefits the local labor market with more qualified workers.

The Seabees are working six days a week, and will be active not only at the construction sites, but will also provide tutoring to PICS high



A Seabee team and local apprentices working at Pohnpei Swimming Pool.

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A Seabee team and local apprentices working at Island Food Community of Pohnpei. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

school seniors who are taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test in order to qualify to join the U.S. military. (*U.S. Embassy Kolonia*)



MARCH VS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
The Hofschneider-Yumul Manhoben take part in the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Walk Against Domestic Violence in Kagman last Wednesday, Oct. 8. The group, which included lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Ray Yumul and his wife, marched the about 1.4-mile trek, which started at the Kagman Community Center. The event was sponsored by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Family Violence Task Force.

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Outreach for women with bleeding disorders

On Oct. 16, Dr. Tiffany Lin, pediatric hematology (blood disorder) fellow at University of California at San Francisco and pediatrician at the Commonwealth Health Center, and Pam Carhill, MPT of Marianas Health's Pacific Wellness Center, will be doing outreach and education on Von Willebrand's Disease at the Thursday Street Market. Lin and Carhill will be guests of the Empty Vessel Ministry and be passing out educational materials and speaking individually with persons who think they may have a child with a bleeding disorder.

Women with bleeding disorders may have the following symptoms:

- Heavy and long-lasting menstrual periods.

The average menstrual pe-

riod lasts anywhere from two to seven days. In contrast, many women with bleeding disorders experience:

- Periods lasting more than 7 days
- Periods that pass clots the size of a quarter
- Periods requiring more than one pad every 2 hours
- Iron deficiency
- If you have ever required a blood transfusion because of severe bleeding
- Heavy bleeding and hemorrhaging after childbirth

Source: National Hemophilia Foundation website

If you or your daughter experience these symptoms, come down to the Street Market and we will give you the next steps to be further assessed at CHC. For any inquiries call 483-0162. (PR)

High surf seen until Tuesday

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Tuesday along north and west facing reefs. Gentle winds and combined seas of 6 to 8 feet are expected through Wednesday.

Hazardous surf of 9 to 11 feet will fall to 8 to 10 feet today and to 7 to 9 feet on Tuesday. Surf should fall below hazardous levels tomorrow night.

Along north facing reefs, hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet will fall to 7 to 9 feet today and tonight and should fall below hazardous levels tomorrow, Tuesday.

The public is advised to continue exercising precautionary measures when entering the water. Those operating smaller vessels should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. (HSEM)

Judge places robbery suspect under house arrest

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Friday placed under house arrest former mixed martial arts fighter Peter Manglona Deleon Guerrero, who is facing charges of extorting \$20 from a man he had accused of stealing a bicycle by threatening to break his face and slam his head on a wall.

Camacho granted defense counsel Edward Arriola Sr.'s motion to modify the \$10,000 cash

bail that the court earlier imposed on Deleon Guerrero. Deleon Guerrero was allowed to post a property mortgage and was released to a third-party custodian.

The judge said Deleon Guerrero shall not leave the residence without the third-party custodian and ordered him to stay away from any poker arcades, among other conditions.

Deleon Guerrero, 46, also known by his fight name "Drag-

on," was served with an arrest warrant in China Town last Sept. 30 on charges of robbery, assault, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Deleon Guerrero is the son of former House speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Police detective Olympio S. Muna stated in his report that he was at the Department of Public Safety's Tourism Oriented Po-

licing Section office in Lower Miha Housing last Sept. 26 at 11:28am when Lawrence A. San Antonio came to report that Deleon Guerrero robbed and assaulted him at Best Poker in western Garapan.

According to San Antonio, he was playing poker at Winners Poker in central Garapan when Deleon Guerrero approached and accused him of stealing a bicycle at Best Poker.

Deleon Guerrero allegedly told San Antonio that a closed circuit TV camera at Best Poker showed that he stole the bicycle. San Antonio challenged Deleon Guerrero to show him the footage.

Deleon Guerrero later allegedly asked San Antonio for \$20 for wasting his time. When San Antonio told him that he was hustling him, Deleon Guerrero replied, "Do you know who I am? I'm Dragon. Give me the \$20 before I break your face, and then slam your head to the concrete!"

Deleon Guerrero allegedly

attempted to punch San Antonio, prompting the latter to hand him \$20.

After the victim sought police's help, the detectives' investigation led to Deleon Guerrero's arrest.

In May 2008, Deleon Guerrero pleaded guilty to two counts of issuance of bad checks.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced him to six months in prison, all suspended. The defendant was placed on six months of probation. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

American Samoa: Plant will create up to 1,000 jobs

By FILI SAGAPOLUTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—American Samoa government officials expect up to 1,000 jobs will be created when a Filipino company invests \$100 million in a new food-processing plant.

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga said Friday that executives

from A.V.M. Bernardo Engineering were in the territory this week to finalize the paperwork for the project.

The company expects to begin construction early next year. Operations would begin the following year, said Keniseli Lafaele, director of the American Samoa Commerce Department.

The plant will first focus on frozen fish-based sausage, ham,

nuggets and patties, Lafaele said. The plant will also produce coconut water, mango and other juices, he said.

The products will be sold in the U.S. market duty-free because they will be made in a U.S. territory. This is a factor that is driving the project, Lafaele said. The products will also be available for export in the Pacific region.

The government is considering allowing the company to import plant construction materials and equipment duty-free as an incentive, Lafaele said.

A.V.M President Tony Bernardo on Thursday gave a private presentation of the company's plans to the governor and several lawmakers.

Bernardo couldn't be reached for comment, but he said Thursday night on state-run television that A.V.M has

been in business for 22 years and has several operations outside of the Philippines.

The project is the first major private-sector investment in American Samoa in years. The territory's economy is supported mostly by the tuna canning industry, which has suffered after a 2007 law instituted annual 50-cent increases in the minimum wage until the rate matched the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour.

Implementation of the law has been frozen until next year, but one tuna cannery, Chicken of the Sea, cited the law when it closed in 2009, costing the jobs of more than 2,000 employees.

Another cannery, StarKist Co., cited the law when it decided to lay off 800 workers the following year.

Chicken of the Sea has since been taken over by Tri Marine International of Bellevue, Washington.

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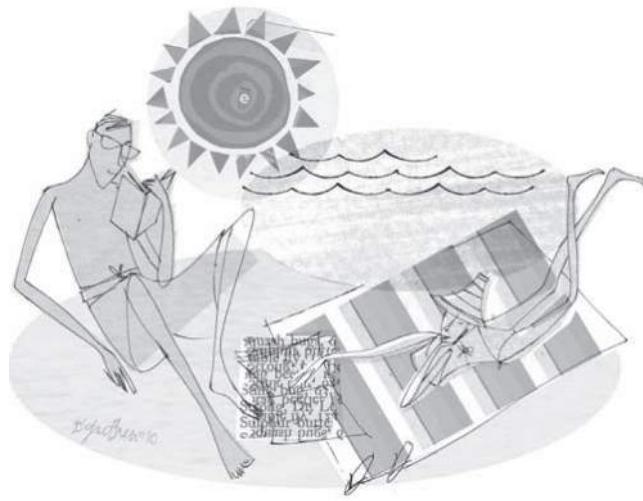
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Here's to living longer



Mid the worry about Ebola, there's good news about the far more common threats to Americans' health: heart disease, cancer and stroke. They are taking less of a toll, and as a result Americans are living longer than ever.

According to a new study on mortality from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics, life expectancy in the United States for a child born in 2012 is at a record high — 78.8 years. That's up from 2011 when it was 78.7 years. On average, females born in 2012 are projected to live longer than males, 81.2 years compared with 78.7 years, but both sexes are benefiting from progress against the most common killers.

People who are 65 or older — and thus have avoided the hazards of illnesses and accidents that cause early death — have a life expectancy of about 85, the study notes.

"I think the health of the U.S. population is improving," Jiaquan Xu, a medical doctor and lead author of the report, told USA Today. "The death rates for heart disease and cancer, the two leading causes of death that account for 46.5 percent of all deaths, have been falling since 1999."

The improvement in the nation's health is so incremental it often goes unappreciated. But looking back, the advance has been remarkable. When a person was born in 1930, life expectancy was 59.7 years.

Through the brilliance of scientists and doctors, the support of taxpayers and benefactors for research on disease and diet, the laws that increased the safety of cars and products and cleaned up the air and water and the countless personal successes in quitting smoking, eating better and exercising more, Americans have expanded their life expectancy by nearly two decades since 1930.

That's a triumph worth pausing to consider at a time when government doesn't seem to work, politics are polarized and the economy seems stuck. Through our individual and collective efforts, we're getting better, and a lifetime is getting longer.

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The UN Climate Summit

With coal burning the favored means for warmth and cooking in cold Manchuria, I wake up in the mornings to the scent of coal tar. This week, northern China hoisted a smog alert as particles in the air exceeded acceptable limits.

I lived in Saskatoon, in the Saskatchewan prairie of Canada in 1976 as a director of the Institute of Cultural Affairs. ICA started a global network of human development projects after a Westside inner city Chicago experience featuring participatory involvement of residents, with the enabling outsiders facilitating the process. It was at once democratic and honoring of local wisdom.

Most volunteers were white folks who I pegged as utopian dreamers. When they showed up in Manila in a rundown neighborhood in Santa Ana, I gave them a second look. After a training session in Korea in '72 when I returned from schooling in the United States, I came out with a global perspective and local commitment that I later called *glocal*. The globalization I experienced with the earth-rise of '68 married a covenant with the local, the methods' focus of ICA human development.

Habitat '76 was the UN's emphasis in Vancouver and I helped present a three-screen slide show on the efforts of comprehensive human development at the community level. ICA competed for attention with NGOs present to highlight their work. Like most international assemblies, it was heavy on gloss and glitz but short on engaging information.

I remember all these as the UN held a one-day summit on climate change last month presided over by President Barrack Obama. NYC saw a massive demonstration of support for dealing with the worsening climate condition around the world. Only last week, the twin typhoons in the western Pacific had Phanfone ravaging Japan while Vongfong got Guam and Saipan on their toes, and still reeling from Phanfone, Japan again on the tail whip. These were Japan's worst typhoons ever, capping a number of occurrences higher than previous years.

Many in the academic community and members of the U.S. Congress consider climate change as a liberal "ruse," not only to be ignored but also to be denied, and when it affects policy, to be opposed.

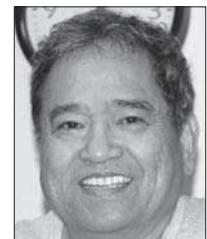
From 1974 to 1984, I lived in an old building at the corner of Lawrence and Sheridan Uptown Chicago where I operated under global assignment. We were methods' storm troopers! ICA Chicago housed close to 3,000 global volunteers during Summer Research Assemblies to report to each other, and finesse their repertoire of human development methods.

The effort was quixotic, an assault on the "barbwires" of history by a bunch of well-intentioned and highly disciplined "utopian dreamers." In 1986, it had enough sense to dissipate when the center structurally could no longer hold.

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Now known as the GreenRise building of Chicago, it installed 483 solar panels on its roofs. A cultural heritage site, I visited the place in 2009 to conduct my own emotional closure. I noticed green vegetables growing out of hydroponic contraptions on its windows. ICA Chicago demonstrates what is humanly and environmentally possible in its own neighborhood.

Most ICA's volunteers grew out of the tradition where the ethos of the "dead one walking" (resurrection) is deep, thereby you have people who "just do it" (Loyola) without being anxious on who gets the credit. They joined the *oikoumene* of the times, with a spirit consciousness rooted and nourished on expenditure rather than competitive accomplishment, replicated in many places when the group broke up into a "thousand lights".

David Zahrt returned with his wife to his farm in Iowa to run a bed and breakfast business, retired and resides in Carson City NV; at 77, he joins marchers this summer from California to Washington, D.C. to dramatize the reality of climate change, and what ordinary folks can do about it.

Joyce and Gene Marshall built a house in Bonham, Texas, demonstrating ecologically friendly materials, and serves as a gathering place for a covenanted network of folks called the Symposium on Realistic Living. They walk their talk!

The fallacy of the UN as a "doing" body is the assumption that it can enable nation states to work together on climate change, much as they thought they would on human settlements during the UN Habitat '76 in Vancouver. Not.

The crisis revealed by Ebola is not that the virus itself is a global threat but that certain parts of the world still struggle with basic challenge of hunger and nutrition. Much of that comes from nation states designed to act like "big brother" who provides what its citizens need. Not. Nation states around the world exist for the sake of its rulers, a favored few. In fact, if Ebola did not threaten the oil business, we would not have the high-volume hue and cry we hear today. Democracy teaches individuals to fend for themselves in concert with other individuals, in their local communities.

That's the power of people like David, and small groups like the ICA and RLI: They just do it!

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Emmanuel dead wrong on life after 75

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about getting older. I'm not yet old, at least not by the standards of a society that has been so profoundly influenced by the Boomers, my generation. We have refused to succumb to the biological certainty of decay and decline and have pulled pop culture along with us. My 52 is still considered "youthful," not just by other 52-year-olds but by a population that views the world through Botox colored glasses.

But the truth is, I'm not young. I am a woman who will not much longer have the awesome power to create life, whose bones are disrespectfully noisy when she bends, who sees the filigree of age traced delicately around her eyes. And I am also a woman who lost her own mother this August, which puts me next in line for a date with (I hope) the angels, if there is any logic to the life cycle.

But of course, there is no logic. My father died of cancer at 43, a brutal death that shook the foundations of my belief in God (only temporarily, as it turns out.) My mother, on the other hand, lived a splendid life until the last few months when her body shut down, folded into itself, and to eternity. She lived her 40s with glory, her 50s with radiance, her 60s with joy and the first half of her seventh decade with grace. The fact that the final days of her 75th year were hard ones does nothing to diminish the magnificence of her recent past and the riches she gave to everyone who knew her.

That's probably why I was so angered by the article that appeared in *The Atlantic* last month entitled "Why I Hope to die at 75." Writ-

ten by Ezekiel Emanuel, an outspoken supporter of the type of rationed care that figures prominently in the Affordable Care Act, the admittedly smart and savvy medical pundit explained why he wanted to walk away from life's poker table with a fabulous hand of cards. The only way to do that, he argued, was to depart this life at the age of 75.

I tried to put on my lawyer's hat and consider his arguments with analytical sangfroid. He wasn't really calling for us to round up the elders and feed them all spiked Geritol a la Jim Jones of the People's Temple. He made very clear that the key word here was "choice" and that he was simply suggesting that a pre-determined expiration date was preferable to aging. I am also glad that he came right out and said he was against euthanasia and assisted suicide even though this undermines his argument that we all have the right to choose the moment and manner of our curtain call.

In other words, the essay was not, as some argues, a manifesto for doing away with the old folk.

It was much worse. Emanuel was essentially telling those whose corporeal Lamborghinis were turning into used Honda Civics that they should do the honorable thing and leave of their own free will because they were destined to become burdens on our narcissistic society.

Emanuel observes that "living too long is ... a loss ... it robs us of our creativity, and ability to contribute to work, society, the world. It transforms how people experience us, relate to us, and most important, remember us. We are no longer remembered as vibrant and engaged but as feeble, ineffectual, even pathetic."

It's the last line that summons the blood to my eyes. While my

mother suffered during her last days, I never saw her as anything other than the most beautiful creature in earth. And now that she's gone, I remember her passion and wit, her style and sardonic view of life, her joy in little things like the first chrysanthemums of autumn and in things of infinite grandeur like her grandson's smile. Emanuel's vision of humanity is starved and stingy if he truly believes that we are only capable of grieving in reflection.

This whole idea that we should just do the right thing by society and spare our loved ones the discomfort of seeing us physically or deteriorate was shown to be a bitter and cruel sham by Pope John Paul II who did not hide away from our eyes in his final days but, rather, gave us the incomparable gift of watching him die with grace. Just as the beginning of life can be messy, so can its end. And yet, the infant gulping for his first breaths and the elderly woman grasping for her last are sublime examples of this precious gift we hold.

When I was in high school, I spent a whole year translating Cicero. In his rumination on old age he observes "But ye gods, what is there in human nature that lives so long? ... naught remains but the fruit of good and virtuous deeds ... hours and days and months and years go by, the past returns no more, and what is to be we cannot know. But whatever time given us in which to live we should there with be content."

And that is why no one will be studying Dr. Emanuel 2,000 years from now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are the stewards of our race

The indigenous language of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands (Chamorro and Carolinian) is empty of the word "racist" and "racism." Race is included in the vocabulary in that the word "rasa" appears to be the equivalent notion. As a matter of fact "ism" does not exist in the discourse of our people. This is important to note as many bloggers and outsiders who are not culturally connected to these islands are introducing concepts or meaning that do not resonate well with the thinking or mind of the ordinary indigenous people of the NMI. The ancestral domain of these islands followed its own historical and cultural development over the course of centuries of human existence as a people before the arrival of this modern day non-indigenous settlers.

The struggle of an "indigenous people" is not unique to the Northern Mariana Islands. Places like Sri Lanka, people of the southern Philippines in Mindanao, the Maoris in New Zealand, the Native American Indians in the U.S., the Hawaiian people, the minority people of Fiji and Papua New Guinea, countries in South America, destitute people in countries in Asia and others the world over are bringing their economic and social anomalies to the forefront within the global community. The indigenous people of the NMI should start paying attention because what is transforming these islands will be irreversible and a price we will pay when our existence as an indigenous people is no more important than the endangered species dying because of mere neglect by the plasticity of consequential ignorance of our elected leaders at every level of governance.

The inhabited islands of the NMI could not possibly fit a population greater than what these islands could economically and socially sustain. Over 320 million citizens of the U.S. have free access to these islands. Neighboring nations such as Japan, Korea, Philippine, China, and dozens of countries in Asia can score more than four billion people and could drop in to settle on these islands if the incentives are good to lure their mobility to these islands. A fraction of the people from these areas spilling over to the NMI is trouble waiting to manifest itself. Only a few thousand indigenous people of Chamorro and Carolinian race exist in this world and it would be like diluting a squeeze of lemon juice in a tank of water. In the U.S. all its borders are protected in order to control the influx of people to this country and the policy exists for good reasons. Is it wrong that the indigenous people of the NMI control its own borders as well in order to keep these islands settled by the few of us that are found only on these islands? The pride and love of our islands should dominate the mind and thinking of every indigenous people of the NMI, and there is nothing wrong with that.

We have a very small population, we are living in a region with limited natural and economic resources, and our situation is more acute with the defined land mass that can only take care of a few thousand people today, and reserving some space for the future descendants of the Chamorro and Carolinian races is a critical and important preservation desires of a people.

Issues about the land, economic and natural resources, and governance should serve as the backbone of deliberative discussions. In a democracy the concept "control" is a significant norm of a people. For us in the NMI, the sovereignty rests in and with the indigenous people who is the government and governance of these islands. This is not because of the solidarity of a people, but more so the opportunity to take actions by mutual consensus in public policies of desirable and needed future actions. We need to make clear the premise of what our disagreements and arguments should draw from, and fit by mutual consensus of what the indigenous people have in protecting their interests to remain on these islands as their ancestral domain, perpetually carried on placing them as a people to be known as Chamorro and Carolinian for as long as it takes. There is nothing wrong to announce and acknowledge to the world over as to who you are as a Chamorro or Carolinian. Stand tall and declare your true race and be proud of it regardless of detractors that belittle your race as Chamorro or Carolinian. Be it resolved that these islands are by nature the islands of the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian who have attested their ancestral domain as stewards of the existence of the Northern Mariana Islands as it exist today.

Francisco R. Agulto

Kannat Tabla, Saipan

Locals not included in tourism marketing

The Democratic Party, led by gubernatorial candidates Edward Tofila Deleon Guerrero and Danny Quitigua, want all voters to know how locals are not being included in our tourist industry and why it is so important to elect Democrats, especially when there are plans for a major economic development with the casino and locals are not included in the business equation. At the source of the challenge to improve the tourist industry are the present marketing approach and the tactics used to generate and collect tourist dollars in foreign countries, which eliminates local businesses and our ability to collect all the potential taxes due.

Travel agents in foreign countries are presently focusing on the low end of the tourist market that offers special complete packages for tourists at a cheap price. When a tourist purchases a package deal in their country they pay for their hotel room, their tourist activities, restaurant dinners, etc. The CNMI is at the mercy of whatever we are told by foreign business owners when it comes to collecting taxes. Voters need to know that most of the tourists dollars collected in foreign countries never reach the CNMI because tourists are given coupons to use in the CNMI. There are no CNMI taxes applicable to many of these purchases because they are conducted on foreign soil nor is there any accountability on how much was collected. The only money that local businesses receive is mostly from straggler tourists who are not attached to a package deal and tourists with a break or some extra time to stray away from their package, meaning local businesses only get the "leftover dollars" from the travel agents' coupon deals.

Tourists come to the CNMI to experience our islands and the Chamolinian culture first and foremost but locals are being left out of the business equation, which is what the Democratic leaders of Tofila and Quitigua want to fix by limiting the sales of CNMI tourist activities in foreign countries to hotel and air fare. Tourist will have to purchase coupon packets within the CNMI's borders that will include locally owned businesses. The local dancers only work for hotels when they should have their own locations for local cultural events like we once had but locals have been outsmarted and eliminated from the business equation. There has also been a decline in local dance groups over the past decade because the coupon package deals for tourists have eliminated the cultural events that locals once conducted as a private business. When there are busloads of tourists being taken to handpicked coupon restaurants that doesn't serve local food, it is obvious why locals are left out and there is no local food restaurant run by locals for tourists. Even the tour guides are not local and some have only recently moved to the CNMI. The Democrats want to make sure that all tour guides are local people who are best equipped to tell the CNMI's story.

The Democratic leaders also want to change the marketing approach from the low end tourists to the middle and high income bracket as these tourists will be more likely to be repeat visitors and will not purchase a package but explore the CNMI more freely as package deals usually take up most of a tourist's time. If you care about locals being included more in the tourist industry and the tourism package deals, vote for a new, different and better government.

Ambrose M Bennett

PIO, Democratic Party

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

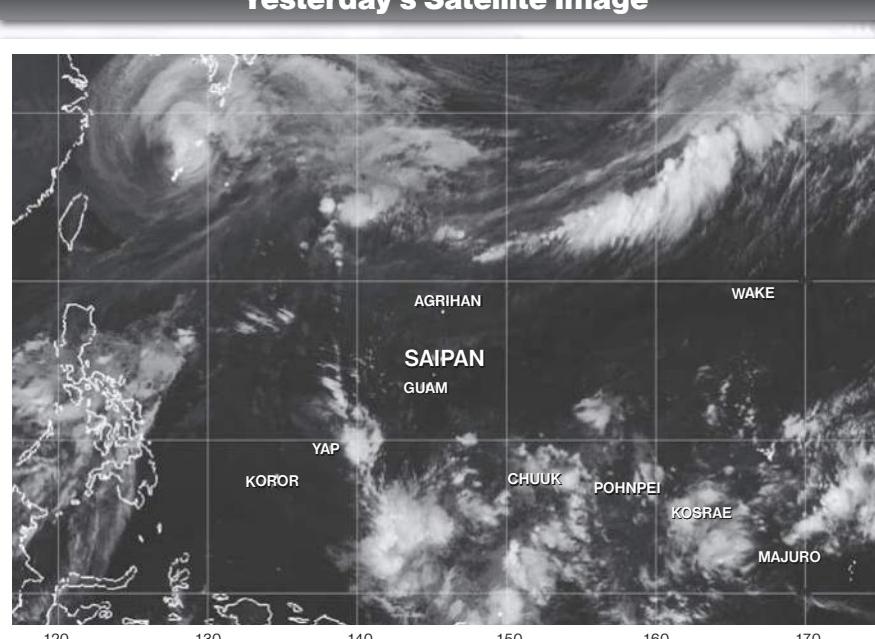
TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 48
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 67	▼ 41
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 82	▼ 71
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 85	▼ 75
London	Rain	▲ 62	▼ 51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 75
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 57	▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 85	▼ 77
New York	Showers	▲ 67	▼ 63
Osaka	Showers	▲ 67	▼ 53
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 50
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 66	▼ 54
Rome	Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 65
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 57
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 66	▼ 42
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 78	▼ 58
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 74	▼ 65



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northeast of Yap within 100 miles of a line from 16N139E to 11N141E. A surface trough extends northeast from 1N145E to 11N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found across Chuuk state south of a line from 6N143E to 13N150E to 7N155E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Kosrae state to south of Kwajalein between 2N and 8N from 159E to 170E. A surface trough curves northeast from south of Majuro at 3N171E through the date line at 8N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen east of Majuro within 180 miles of a line from 4N173E to 8N177E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present south of a frontal boundary north of a line from 23N137E to 23N157E. This is near Iwo To Island and Minami Tori Shima.

Tides	
Saipan Harbor	
5:54 AM Today	Low Tide: -0.1 Feet
12:47 PM Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet
6:30 PM Today	Low Tide: 1.1 Feet
11:15 PM Today	High Tide: 1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset	
Today	6:08 AM
Tuesday	5:58 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM
Thursday	5:56 PM
Friday	6:09 AM
	5:56 PM
Today	10:03 PM
Tuesday	11:11 AM
Wednesday	11:44 PM
Thursday	12:44 PM
Friday	12:53 AM
	1:27 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

The *Saipan Tribune* accepts for FREE publication the following:

PICTURES

- ISLAND SNAPSHOT Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.

- BIRTHDAY GREETINGS A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.

- BUSINESS Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.

- SAMUT SARI Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.

- TRAVELOGUE Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.

- CAMPUS BULLETIN Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

For pictures:

- Photos should be original and not copyrighted. Contributors must have the right to allow the *Saipan Tribune* to publish the pictures.
- Digital pictures should be high-resolution (minimum of 800kb).
- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and phone number.
- Photos must have been taken in the last two months.
- For birthday greetings, must be submitted no later than 12 noon of the previous day to make it to next day's edition.

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- The *Saipan Tribune* will decide how often community announcements are going to be published.
- For Travelogue, the *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to choose which pictures to publish.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070 4:15am 5:05am Daily			UA5069 2:45am 3:35am Daily		
UA5068 8:00am 8:50am 3			UA5071 6:40am 7:30am 3		
UA5068 8:40am 9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071 7:15am 8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7		
UA5039 2:30pm 4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota			UA5039 1:10pm 2:00pm 6, 7		
UA5078 3:20pm 4:10pm 1, 5			UA5038 1:10pm 2:00pm 2, 4 via Rota		
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UA5044 10:50pm 11:40pm 1, 5			UA5043 9:30pm 10:20pm 1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039 2:30pm 3:05pm 6, 7			UA5038 1:10pm 1:45pm 2, 4		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039 3:35pm 4:10pm 6, 7			UA5038 2:15pm 2:50pm 2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287 6:05am 11:30pm 2, 6 via NRT			DL298 4:30am 3:05pm 3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287 6:05am 8:40am Daily			DL298 10:25am 3:05pm Daily		
DL297 4:20pm 7:20pm Daily			DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 Daily		

Business

CDA to host free Small Business Expo on Saipan

The Commonwealth Development Authority announced Friday that it is hosting a free Small Business Banking Expo on Oct. 25, 2014. The expo will be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle Theatre from 9am to 12pm. Local bankers and other lenders have been invited to host tables where small businesses can learn more about products and services that can help a business succeed. Businesses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

In particular, the expo will be

showcasing the State Small Business Credit Programs. Approximately \$13 million in guaranteed funding is available to qualified businesses, including non-U.S. citizens who operate a business in the Commonwealth. Participating banks can use the program to bridge financing gaps for otherwise bankable businesses. These loans can be used to start or grow a business or even refinance existing debt. The program works through local financial institutions that may already have a relationship with the business.

SSBCI was created by the

Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, which President Obama signed into law on Sept. 27, 2010. Funded with \$1.5 billion,

the program is expected to spur up to \$15 billion in new lending to small businesses and manufacturers as states use federal

funds to leverage private investment dollars.

Lenders and bankers can register to exhibit at the event

and media may contact Aaron Wood at 670.234-6245 x 308 or loan@cda.gov.mp for more information. (**CDA**)

» Expo will highlight \$13M in guaranteed funding to help CNMI's small businesses secure loans

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kmart becomes latest retailer hit by data theft

NEW YORK (AP)—Sears Holdings Corp. said Friday that a data breach at its Kmart stores that started last month may have compromised some customers' credit and debit cards. The data theft at Kmart is the latest in a string of hacks at big retailers including Target, Supervalu and Home Depot. Sears Holdings, which also operates Sears stores, said that

Kmart's information technology department on Thursday detected a breach of its payment data systems. The company was unable to provide the number of affected cards. But it said that based on its investigation so far, it believes no personal information, debit card PIN numbers, email addresses or social security numbers were obtained by the hackers. And there's no evidence that Kmart.com shoppers were affected.

Global finance leaders pledge bold efforts

WASHINGTON (AP)—World financial leaders on Saturday promised "bold and ambitious" action to boost a global recovery that has shown recent disturbing signs of weakness. That pledge from the International Monetary Fund's policy-setting committee comes after a week of stomach-churning swings in the financial markets triggered

by growing fears that parts of Europe could be in danger of slipping into another recession. The 188-nation IMF called increasing economic growth an "utmost priority" and pledged to make the necessary structural changes that would stimulate greater growth. However, finance leaders have made similar promises in the past, only to fall short when trying to follow through.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., October 31, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS** (\$150.00) for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Those bidders that picked up a CD from the August 22, 2014 advertisement need not submit payment for the new CD. However, a copy of the receipt should be presented before acquiring new CD.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-14(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: October 9, 2014



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NOTICE OF HEARING ON MASTER CONCESSION AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Open Government Act and Public Law 4-60 as codified in 4 CMC 2201 et. seq. including Section 2206, that the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors and Management hereby convenes a Public Hearing on the following question:

The Commonwealth Ports Authority agreement with DFS Saipan Ltd. Successive Master Concession Agreement presently in effect is scheduled to expire on November 15, 2015. The Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Master Concession has conducted its review of the contract history and presented that background to the Board, Management and the Community. The Board has also engaged Ricondo & Associates to conduct a facilities and financial review of the concession issue, the report of which the Board has received and also has been made public. The Board has published the information on the Master Concession issue on its website for public review and information. The action by the Board follows the communications from DFS Saipan Ltd. of its desire to secure a new or extension of the Successive Master Concession Agreement. In light of the foregoing, the Board hereby solicits public comments and input as to which approach the Commonwealth Ports Authority should consider as to the Master Concession issue, including the options set out in the statute as well as the recommendations and findings by Ricondo & Associates and why such an approach is in the best interest of the Authority.

The Public Hearing on Master Concession shall take place on **Thursday, October 16, 2015** starting at 5 pm at the Commonwealth Ports Authority ARFF Training/Conference Room, and shall end at approximately 9 pm subject to the call of the Hearing Chairman, Mr. Barrie Toves, Chairman of the Board Ad Hoc Committee on Master Concession. For directions to the Hearing venue, please call 237-6500, the CPA Administration Office.

Interested persons may provide written comments in advance of the hearing and direct them to Mr. Barrie Toves, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Master Concession, c/o CPA Administration Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The deadline for any written comments shall be 5 pm on October 16th to be received by CPA. Written comments from Tinian and Rota persons or interested members may be delivered to the CPA Port Manager Office at the Airport on Tinian and Rota by 5 pm on October 16th. Comments may also be received via e-mail to the following e-mail address on or before the same deadline of 5 pm October 16th to: cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with a subject heading: "MASTER CONCESSION MATTER: COMMENTS BY (NAME)". All persons submitting written comments shall provide their complete name, mailing address, contact number and e-mail, if available, for verification if necessary.

At the Public Hearing, all persons shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes of comment period per person or per entity represented. Each person speaking shall identify himself or herself and inform the Chairman of their affiliation, if any. All comments shall be directed to the Chairman and each speaker shall conduct themselves in a professional, courteous and respectful manner. The Chairman shall remove from the ARFF Conference Room, for cause, any speaker or person who causes any disruption or interruption of the proceedings. There shall be no placards or signs indicating any opposition or support for any entity or option. No speaker or commentator shall pose any questions to the Chairman or Committee members nor to any other person at the hearing. All comments shall be confined to the question and comments which deviate from the question will not be considered. The proceedings shall be recorded but the oral comments at the meeting shall not be transcribed. The Chairman reserves the right to call for any breaks but the Public Hearing shall proceed forward until the designated hour of termination and may, for good cause, extend the meeting until 10 pm. There shall be no extensions nor continuances of the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing is for the purpose of informing the Board of the community and stakeholders' views on the matter of the Master Concession. The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority encourages a full and robust hearing to receive all views and opinions. However, all are informed that the discretion and ultimate decision as to which option to pursue is left to the discretion of the Board of the Commonwealth Ports Authority to act and determine what is in the best interest of the Authority in the exercise of their fiduciary duties.

/s/ BARRIE C. TOVES
CHAIRMAN
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MASTER CONCESSION

Nation

Police shooting protests continue in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A weekend of peaceful daytime protests and nightly police standoffs is expected to continue Sunday as organizers prepare for a wave of resistance they anticipate will lead to widespread, intentional arrests the following day.

Organizers of the four-day Ferguson October summit to protest the early August police shooting death of Michael Brown are scheduled to train participants in nonviolent civil disobedience tactics Sunday morning.

On Monday, a "direct action" led by local and visiting clergy members is planned for Ferguson and other spots in and around St. Louis. Protest leaders don't plan to release details until shortly ahead of time to avoid tipping off law enforcement. Leaders are taking their cues from the Moral Monday demonstrations that began last year in North Carolina before spreading to several other Southern states.

"We still are knee deep in this situation," said Kareem Jackson, a St. Louis rap artist and community organizer whose stage name is Tef Poe. "We have not packed up our bags, we have not gone home. This is not a fly-by-night moment. This is not a made-for-TV revolution. This is real people standing up to a real problem and saying, 'We ain't taking it no more.'"

Gay marriage obstacles fall in conservative states

Weddings, court rulings and confusion are defining a week that started with the U.S. Supreme Court denying appeals from five states seeking to retain their bans on same-sex marriage. Here's a rundown of the most recent developments:

Legal obstacles to gay marriage have fallen in Idaho and North Carolina.

The U.S. Supreme Court issued an order Friday that appears to have cleared the way for gay marriages in conservative Idaho. Gay rights supporters are cheering in Boise as state officials were trying to determine when weddings might take place. At least one county clerk in Idaho began issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

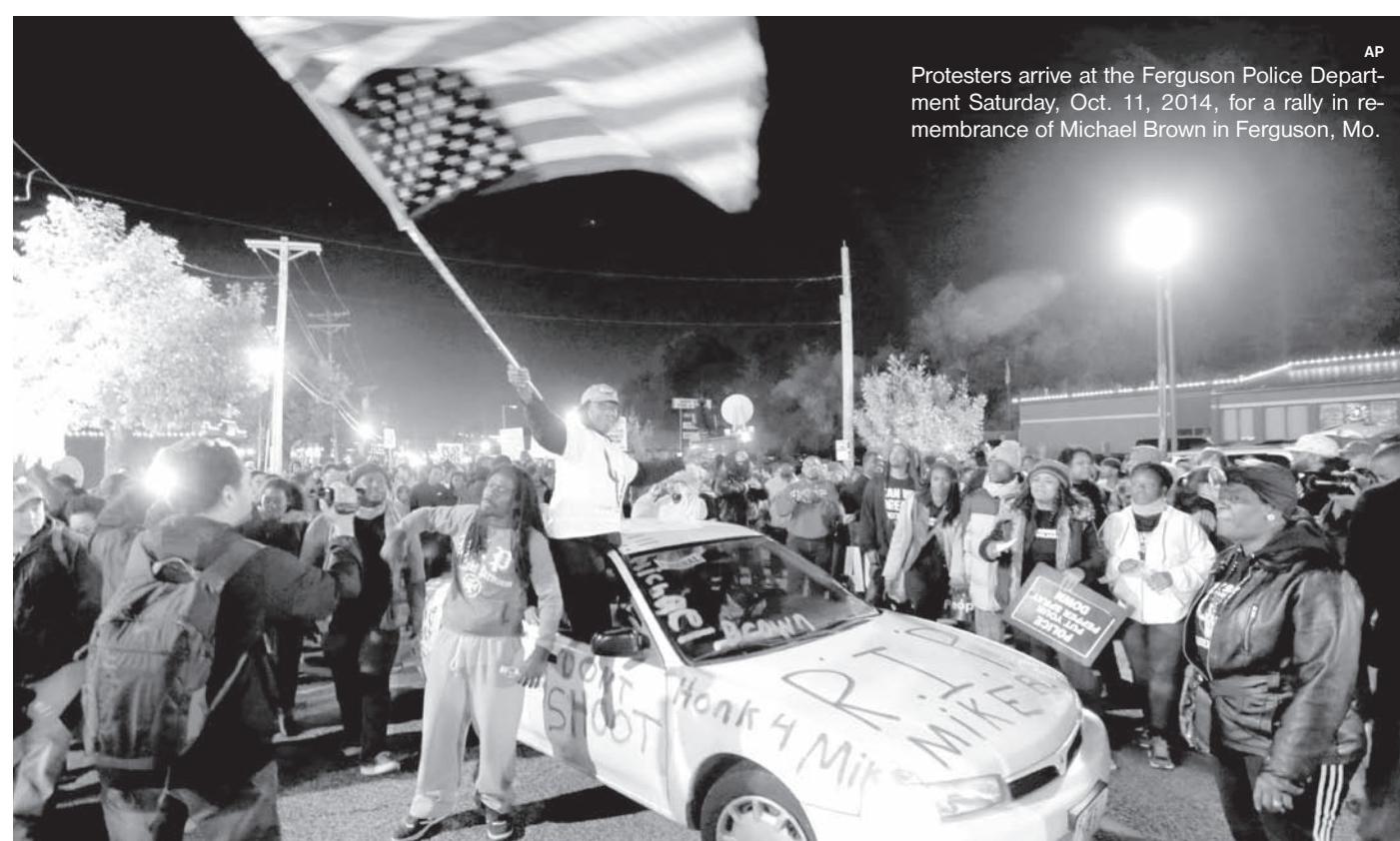
Meanwhile, a federal judge in North Carolina has struck down the state's gay marriage ban, opening the way for the first same-sex weddings in the state to begin immediately. The ruling follows Monday's announcement by the U.S. Supreme Court that it would not hear any appeals of cases

A crowd that organizers estimated at 3,000 marched through downtown St. Louis on Saturday to protest Brown's death and other fatal police shootings in the St. Louis area and nationwide. Police reported no arrests or violent incidents as of late Saturday, when the protests fanned out to Ferguson and then a south St. Louis neighborhood where another black 18-year-old was killed by a white police officer just days earlier.

Two months after Brown's death sparked an initial wave of violent riots and led Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to summon the National Guard, the highly organized weekend brought many newcomers to St. Louis.

The new arrivals included Vietnam-era peace activists, New York City seminarians, many college students and hundreds of fast-food workers bused in from Chicago, Nashville and other cities.

Outside Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis, where the Cardinals lost to the San Francisco Giants in the first game of the National League Championship Series, several dozen protesters stood on the sidewalk Saturday night, chanting and holding signs. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that fans headed to the game mainly went around the protesters without stopping to look, though a few cheered their efforts. Game 2 in



the series is scheduled for Sunday night.

The planned events began Friday afternoon with a march outside the St. Louis County prosecutor's office, where protesters renewed calls for prosecutor Bob McCulloch to charge Darren Wilson, a white Ferguson officer, in the Aug. 9 death of Brown, who was black. A grand jury is reviewing the case and the Justice

Department has opened a civil rights investigation.

St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson said the city had enlisted extra officers and was prepared for trouble, though he hoped for the best. Earlier in the week, a small group of protesters verbally clashed outside the stadium with Cardinals fans who support the Ferguson officer. Dotson said the city also will bolster its police presence

when the St. Louis Rams host the San Francisco 49ers Monday night.

Organizers said beforehand that they expected as many as 6,000 to 10,000 participants for the weekend's events. Police were not able to provide a crowd estimate Saturday.

Since Brown's death, three other fatal police shootings of black males have occurred in the St. Louis area. The most

recent involved an off-duty St. Louis officer who was working for a private neighborhood security patrol when he shot and killed 18-year-old Vonderrit D. Myers on Wednesday night.

The white officer, whose name hasn't been released, fired 17 rounds after police say Myers opened fire. Myers' parents say he was unarmed, and many speakers at the Saturday rally echoed those doubts.

Stepped-up Ebola screening starts at NYC airport

NEW YORK (AP)—Customs and health officials began taking the temperatures of passengers arriving at New York's Kennedy International Airport from three West African countries on Saturday in a stepped-up screening effort meant to prevent the spread of the Ebola virus.

Federal health officials said the entry screenings, which will expand to four additional U.S. airports in the next week, add another layer of protection to halt the spread

of a disease that has killed more than 4,000 people.

"Already there are 100 percent of the travelers leaving the three infected countries are being screened on exit. Sometimes multiple times temperatures are checked along that process," Dr. Martin Cetron, director of the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine for the federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, said at a briefing at Kennedy.

Cetron added, "No matter how many procedures are put

into place, we can't get the risk to zero."

The screening will be expanded over the next week to New Jersey's Newark Liberty, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare and Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta.

Customs officials say about 150 people travel daily from or through Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea to the United States, and nearly 95 percent of them land first at one of the five airports.

Passengers arriving at Ken-

Airport screening to start at five U.S. airports

The White House has announced extra screening for arriving passengers from West Africa. The screening will start at New York's John F. Kennedy airport this weekend, and later be used at Newark Liberty, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta. Here is a look at the screening process.

Exit screening at airports in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

- All travelers will have their temperature taken with a non-contact digital thermometer.

- They will be asked questions about their health and exposure history, and assessed for signs of potential illness.

- Travelers with symptoms or possible exposures to Ebola are separated and assessed further. This assessment determines whether they are allowed to travel or will be referred to public health authorities for further evaluation.

Source: CDC
Graphic: Greg Good

Entry screening in the United States:

- Passengers from infected countries will be escorted by Customs and Border Protection to an area of the airport set aside for screening.

- Passengers will then:
 - Have their temperature taken.
 - Answer questions to determine potential risk.
 - Be observed for other symptoms of Ebola.

- If a traveler has a fever or other symptoms or has been exposed to Ebola, the CBP will quarantine them at the airport and refer to CDC to further evaluation.

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nedy said the process of taking people aside for screening was orderly.

"They asked us a few questions, if we had been sick in the past few days," said 14-year-old Johnson Nellon, who flew from Liberia with his 17-year-old brother.

One man said his temperature was taken even though his country, Niger, does not have an Ebola outbreak. "They checked everything and everything was fine," Moussa Halidou said.

Public health workers use no-touch thermometers to take the temperatures of the travelers from the three Ebola-ravaged countries; those who have a fever will be interviewed to determine whether they may have had contact with someone infected with Ebola. There are quarantine areas at each of the five airports that can be used if necessary.

There are no direct flights to the U.S. from the three countries, but Homeland Security officials said last week they can track passengers back to where their trips began, even if they make several stops. Airlines from Morocco, France and Belgium are still flying in and out of West Africa.

Asia

Strong typhoon batters Japan; 35 hurt

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon poured heavy rains over Japan's southern island of Okinawa and was aiming at the next island of Kyushu on Sunday, becoming the second severe storm to hit in a week.

At least 35 people have been reported injured in Okinawa and Kyushu, where authorities told 150,000 people to evacuate, as the typhoon toppled trees, flooded streets and cut power to more than 60,000 homes.

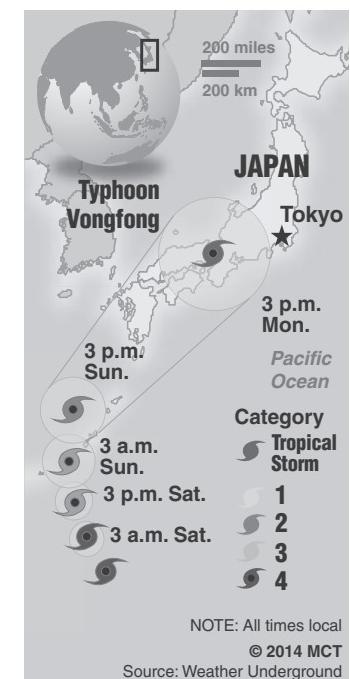
Typhoon Vongfong, packing winds of up to 180 kilometers (110 miles) per hour, has been downgraded from a "super-typhoon" and was on course to reach Kyushu by Monday. Japan's Meteorological Agency said it could reach the Tokyo area Tuesday, gradually losing strength as it moves up the archipelago.

Authorities issued landslide warnings and strong winds knocked out power lines, temporarily halting bullet train service for several hours on Kyushu.

Last week's typhoon killed three U.S. airmen who were washed out at sea in Okinawa,



Hotel employees and a guard secure its entrance door with a plywood board in preparation for approaching typhoon Vongfong in Naha, Okinawa, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014.



home to about half of the roughly 50,000 American troops stationed in Japan.

The U.S. military instructed service personnel and their families to remain indoors Sunday until strong winds and rain subsided and said crews were out to assess damage, including broken glass and toppled power lines.

'Queen of Jaffna' to link Sri Lanka's north again

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—The "Queen of Jaffna," a once-popular train linking the ethnic Tamil's northern heartland to the rest of Sri Lanka before a bloody civil war cut the link 24 years ago, chugs back into service this coming week, reinforcing the government's authority in a region once controlled by Tamil rebels.

For the old, it is a nostalgic piece of the Indian Ocean island nation's past. For the young, the train represents something novel and opens opportunities to explore the north. For the central government, the resumption of the "Yarl Devi," as it is known in Tamil, marks a step toward restoring national unity five years after the Tamil separatists were defeated to end the long war.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa will inaugurate service along the 400-kilometer (250-mile) route between Jaffna and Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, in a ceremony Monday. Rebuilding the railroad, stretches of which disappeared as rebels and residents used the rails and sleepers to build bunkers and houses,

is one of the government's big infrastructure projects to contribute to the economy in the north and win over ethnic Tamils, many of whom are still estranged after the war.

Like the old version, the new "Queen of Jaffna" is not a

luxury train, although some of its coaches will have air conditioning, Internet access and televisions. The new track will make for a faster, smoother ride, allowing the trip to take about six hours.

The line was shut down in 1990 as militants from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, or Tamil Tigers, stepped up attacks in the north to push for their own independent state.

The train holds significant symbolic importance. Before the war, it not only was the most convenient way to travel between the two important cities, but also was a symbol of unity between the Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority. At the time, Tamils dominated bureaucratic and state service posts, and many civil servants based in Colombo used it to visit friends and family in the north.

"We took the train to Jaffna for weekends and came back by the same on Sunday evenings," said Karuna Navaratnam, a 69-year-old retired teacher, who traveled on the route frequently in the 1970s.

Now settled in Colombo, Navaratnam wistfully recalled the train traveling through the rice paddies and farms on its way to Jaffna, which was once the seat of a Tamil kingdom before it was colonized in turn by the Portuguese, Dutch and British.

India braces for big cyclone

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—Heavy rains and gusts ripped through a large swath of India's eastern seaboard, uprooting trees and snapping power cables as a powerful cyclone swept through the Bay of Bengal, one of two storms pounding Asia on Sunday.

Cyclone Hudhud, described as "very severe" by India's meteorological department, could pack winds of 195 kilometers (120 miles) per hour when it makes landfall around noon Sunday.

The cyclone is expected to hit near the city of Visakhapatnam, one of the largest cities in southern India and a major

naval base.

At least 400,000 people have been evacuated from the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa states as authorities aimed for zero casualties. Hundreds of shelters have been set up to house the evacuees.

As the storm approached the coast Sunday, it picked up speed and strength and experts said it could cause widespread devastation.

Already hundreds of trees have been uprooted, Chief Staff Officer of India's Eastern Naval Command S.K. Grewal told reporters, adding that 30 diving and 20 rescue teams

were on standby.

Hundreds of rescuers of India's National Disaster Response Force were also spread out across the two states that are expected to take the brunt of the cyclone.

Electricity lines have been disconnected in separate parts of Andhra Pradesh to avoid electrocutions, Arvind Kumar, a relief and rescue official told reporters.

Four districts in Andhra Pradesh state that are home to more than 14 million people—Srikakulam, Vijayanagaram, Visakhapatnam and East Godavari—are likely to be worst

Hong Kong protesters petition Chinese President Xi

HONG KONG (AP)—Students leading pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong issued an open letter Saturday to Chinese President Xi Jinping, urging him to consider political reforms in the city and blaming the city's unpopular leader for the demonstrations.

The letter, issued by two student groups leading the protests, said Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying was responsible for a civil disobedience campaign that has seen tens of thousands of people throng the semiautonomous city's key thoroughfares over the past two weeks.

Thousands of demonstrators

showed up in the main protest zone on Saturday, two days after Hong Kong's government called off scheduled negotiations with students who are demanding voters have a greater say in choosing the city's leader in 2017 elections.

The protesters have vowed to keep up the demonstrations until the government responds to their demands.

"Students walked out of classes and are occupying different places now because Leung and others have repeatedly ignored what the people want," the letter read. "If the central government is confident, it should not be afraid to let Hong Kong people elect their own chief executive."

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said Friday that he was confident Hong Kong's government can preserve "social stability." He did not directly mention the protests, but stressed that Beijing won't change its "one country, two systems" approach to running Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, a Chinese state-run newspaper blamed the United States for being behind the protests—a claim the U.S. State Department strongly rejected.

In a commentary published on the front page of the Communist Party-run People's Daily's overseas edition Friday, the newspaper said the National Endowment for Democracy, a Washington,

D.C.-based nonprofit group, became involved in the Hong Kong protests as part of a U.S. strategy to undermine foreign governments in the name of promoting democracy.

Citing unidentified media reports, the commentary claimed that Louisa Greve, a director at NED, met with Hong Kong protest leaders months ago to discuss the movement.

The group did not immediately reply to an email requesting comment Saturday. According to its website, the organization is devoted to "the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world," and is funded largely by the U.S. Congress.

World

Car bombs kill 38 in Iraq's capital, Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP)—A series of car bomb attacks in Iraq's capital killed 38 people in Shiite areas Saturday, authorities said, after Islamic militants killed a journalist working for a local television network in a Sunni province.

The attacks come as Iraq faces its greatest challenge since the 2011 withdraw of U.S. troops, as militants from the Islamic State group now hold

vast swaths of the country and neighboring Syria.

Police officials said the first bombing happened Saturday night when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a security checkpoint in Baghdad's northern district of Khazimiyah, killing 13 people, including three police officers, and wounding 28.

The second car bombing, targeting a commercial street in

Shula district in northwestern Baghdad, killed seven people and wounded 18, police said. The blast damaged several shops and cars.

Also in Shula, police said a suicide car bomb attack on a security checkpoint killed 18 people and wounded dozens others.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualty figures for the attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because

they were not authorized to brief journalists.

Nobody claimed responsibility for the attacks, yet Sunni insurgents frequently target Shiite population they deem as being heretics. That includes the Islamic State group, which now holds a third of the country in its sway. After a lightening offensive earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said Saturday it launched an

airstrike north of the town of Tal Afar, hitting a small Islamic State fighting unit and destroying an armed vehicle. It said two other airstrikes northwest of Hit in Anbar province targeted two small militant units.

The U.S. military also said it conducted multiple airdrops Friday near the northern town of Beiji to resupply Iraqi security forces operating there. The airdrops delivered food

and water, as well as 16,000 pounds of ammunition, the military said.

Also Saturday, the governor of Iraq's Salahuddin province said Islamic State group militants killed Raad al-Azzawi, who was a cameraman for Iraq's Saladin Television. Governor Raed Ibrahim said militants killed al-Azzawi on Friday in the city of Tikrit. Ibrahim said he wasn't able to provide any further details.

Iraqi Yazidi girl tells of captivity in IS group



Mexico governor: Some bodies aren't of students

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The governor of the southern Mexico state where 43 college students disappeared after a confrontation with police said Saturday that some of the bodies recovered from clandestine graves last weekend did not match the missing young people.

The federal attorney general, however, said he felt it was too soon in testing of the remains to come to any conclusions.

In indicating that some progress had been made in identifying the dead, Guerrero state Gov. Angel Aguirre gave no details nor did he say if all of the 28 bodies removed by forensic experts had been identified. The remains were uncovered severely burned, and experts are conducting DNA tests in an effort to identify the dead.

The governor spoke at a news conference in Iguala, the city where municipal police have been accused of working with a drug gang in the disappearance of the students on Sept. 26.

Attorney General Jesus Muñoz Karam declined to confirm or dispute the governor's comments. "I do not know on what the governor based that," he said later in the Guerrero state capital, Chilpancingo. He added that experts still "have not finished testing."

Aguirre also gave no in-

formation on what authorities had found in other mass graves that were discovered in the same area as the first site on the outskirts of Iguala. That find was announced Thursday by Murillo Karam.

Vidulfo Rosales, a lawyer representing families of the missing teachers college students, said he had no information about identification of any of the remains. He said it was regrettable that authorities had not first informed the families before releasing any information.

Aguirre told reporters that no more arrests had been made in the case.

On Thursday, Murillo Karam announced the arrest of four people, raising the total in custody to 34, including 26 Iguala police officers. He said the new suspects had led investigators to four new burial pits near the site where authorities unearthed 28 bodies last weekend.

The 43 students have been missing since two shooting incidents in which police gunfire killed six people and wounded at least 25 in Iguala. Prosecutors alleged that officers rounded up some students after the violence and drove off with them. Police are believed to have turned over the students to a local drug gang that apparently had ties to the family of Iguala's mayor, Jose Luis Abarca, who is a fugitive.

too was given to a fighter. She said she was never raped by the man—likely because of her pregnancy, she said—but she witnessed other girls being raped.

After several weeks, she was able to slip out of a bathroom window at night and escape. A Mosul resident who found her in the streets helped her get out of the city to nearby Kurdish territory on Aug. 28, she said. She said she tried to convince other women to flee with her, but they were too afraid.

"Because they were so terrified, they are left

MAQLUBA, Iraq (AP)—The young Yazidi girl rocked apprehensively as she described the ordeal that took her from her family, snatched from her home by militants in Iraq, then sold as a slave in Syria before finally escaping to Turkey.

The 15-year-old is now with what is left of her family—two of her brothers and some more distant relatives—living in a makeshift roadside shelter in this tiny village in northern Iraq, along with other families shattered by the onslaught from the Islamic State militant group.

Her two sisters remain in the militants' hands, and her father, other brothers and other male relatives have vanished, their fates unknown.

The girl was among hundreds of women and girls from the Yazidi religious minority captured by Islamic State fighters in early August when the militants overran her hometown of Sinjar in northwestern Iraq. Hundreds were killed in the attack, and tens of thousands fled for their lives, most to the Kurdish-held parts of northern Iraq.

Iraq's Human Rights Ministry said at the time that hundreds of women were abducted by the militants, who consider the Yazidis a heretical sect.

The Associated Press spoke to the girl and several other

young women who escaped captivity by the Islamic State group. While specifics of their stories could not be independently confirmed, they reflected circumstances reported by the United Nations last month.

They each independently painted a similar picture of how the militants scattered them around the broad swath of territory controlled by the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq and sold the girls to the group's foreign fighters or other supporters for "marriage."

For weeks after being snatched from Sinjar, the 15-year-old girl and two of her sisters were shifted from one place to another, she said. The AP does not identify victims of abuse, and the girl also did not want to be named for fear of reprisals against her relatives still being held by the militants.

As she told her story, the girl rubbed her hands and avoided eye contact. But she spoke decisively and clearly, never hesitating when asked questions. She asked her relatives to leave the room, saying she was more comfortable speaking alone.

First, she said, she and other girls were taken to the nearby town of Tal Afar, where she was kept in the Badush Prison. When U.S. airstrikes began around the town, the militants took her and many other girls

with them to the Islamic State group's biggest stronghold, Mosul, in northern Iraq.

From the city of Mosul, she and her sisters were taken to the militants' de facto capital, the Syrian city of Raqqa. There they were held in a house with other abducted girls.

"They took girls to Syria to sell them," she said, her body shyly hunched over as she spoke. "I was sold in Syria. I stayed about five days with my two sisters, then one of my sisters was sold and taken (back) to Mosul, and I remained in Syria."

In Raqqa, she said, she was first married off to a Palestinian man. She claims she shot him, saying the Palestinian's Iraqi housekeeper who was in a dispute with the man helped her by giving her a gun. She fled, but she had nowhere to run.

So she went to the only place she knew, she said—the house where she was first held with the other girls in Raqqa.

There, the militants did not recognize her and sold her off again—for \$1,000 to a Saudi fighter, she said. The Saudi militant took her to a house where he lived with other fighters.

"He told me, 'I'm going to change your name to Abeer, so your mother doesn't recognize you,'" she said. "You'll become Muslim, then I will

behead you.' I told him, 'I'm not going to be beheaded.'

Amsha Ali, a 19-year-old, said she was taken from Sinjar to Mosul. Ali was around six months pregnant at the time. The last she saw of her husband and other men in her family as she was being dragged off, was the scene of the militants forcing them to lie on the ground, apparently to shoot them. Ali agreed to be identified, saying she wanted the ordeals of the women to be known.

In Mosul, she said, she and other women were taken to a house full of Islamic State fighters to be married off. "Each of them took one of us for themselves," she said. She

there and now I know nothing about them," she said.

Now Ali is with her father and a surviving sister living in an unfinished building in the town of Sharia, where some 5,000 Yazidi refugees live, also near Dahuk.

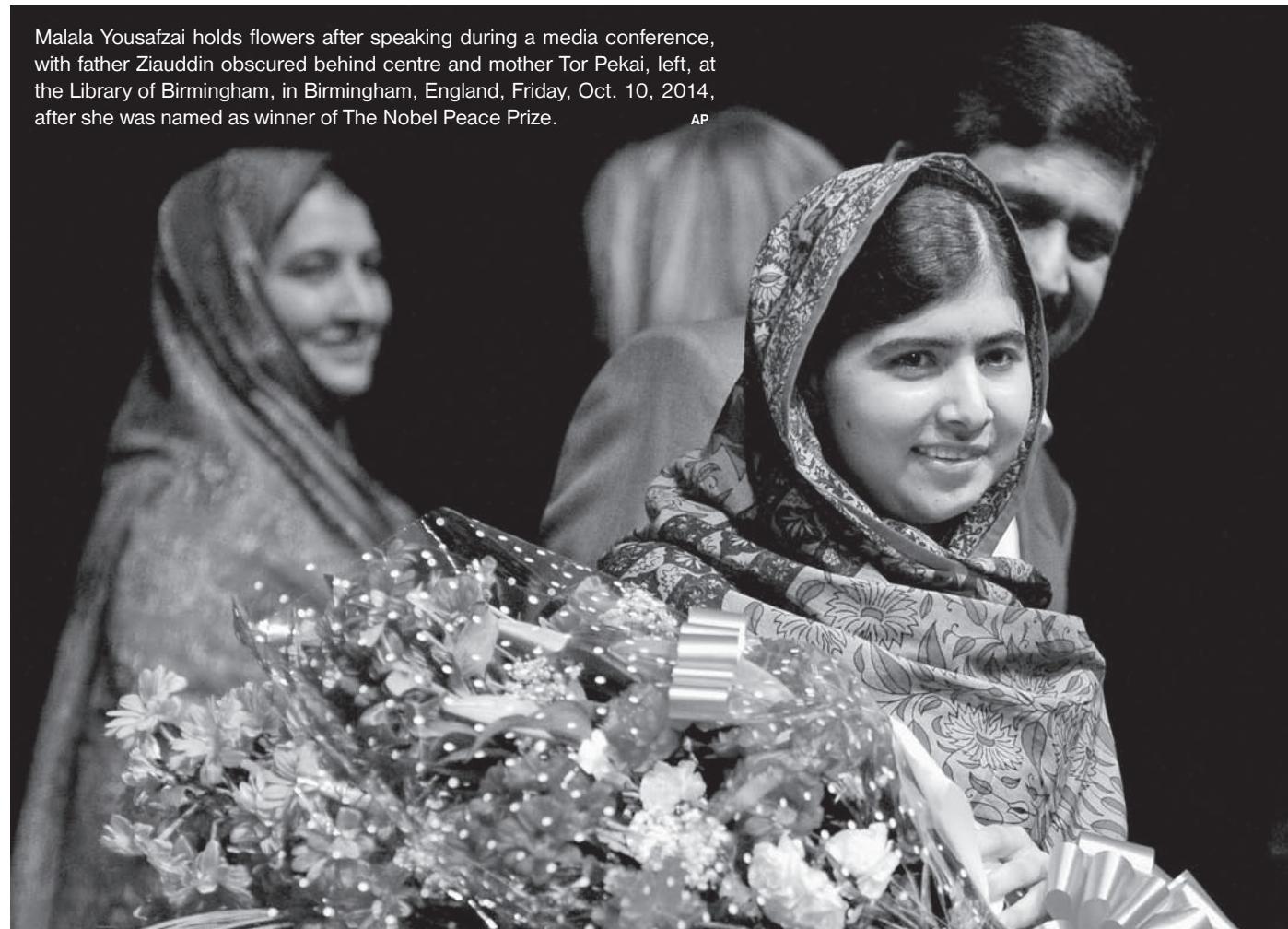
"The killing was not the hardest thing for me," she said of seeing fellow Yazidis slain in the assault on Sinjar. "Even though they forced my husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law on the ground to be murdered—it was painful—but marrying (the militant) was the worst. It was hardest thing for me."

Focus

Malala's improbable journey to Nobel Peace Prize

Malala Yousafzai holds flowers after speaking during a media conference, with father Ziauddin obscured behind centre and mother Tor Pekai, left, at the Library of Birmingham, in Birmingham, England, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014, after she was named as winner of The Nobel Peace Prize.

AP



By DANICA KIRKA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)—Malala Yousafzai celebrated her Nobel Peace Prize where she always wished to be: in school.

The Pakistani girl once shot by the Taliban for daring to want an education just like the boys celebrated being the joint winner of the peace prize Friday with her classmates at Edgbaston High School for girls in Birmingham, the city in central England that she now calls home.

The teenager had traveled to Birmingham for medical treatment after being targeted by the Taliban for her relentless objections to the group's regressive interpretation of Islam that limits girls' access to education. She was shot while returning home from school in Pakistan's scenic Swat Valley two years ago, almost to the day.

"This award is for all those children who are voiceless, whose voices need to be heard," she said at a press conference at Birmingham's Library. "I speak for them and I stand up with them. And I join them in their campaign."

She said it was an honor for her to share the prize with Kailash Satyarthi of India, 60, who has spent a lifetime working against child slavery and exploitation. She also invited the prime ministers of both India and Pakistan to attend the Nobel awards ceremony.

Malala's case won worldwide recognition, and the teen, now 17, became a symbol for

the struggle for women's rights in Pakistan. In an indication of her reach, she spoke before the United Nations and made the shortlist for Time magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2012.

But the journey was simply improbable.

On Oct. 9, 2012, Malala climbed into the back of a small pick-up truck used to transport Swat Valley children home from school. They laughed and talked as the truck rumbled over roads lined with pot holes.

As they approached a narrow bridge over a garbage-strewn stream, a masked man with a gun suddenly stopped the truck. Another man with a pistol jumped into the back.

"Who is Malala?" he shouted.

The girls did not answer but heads automatically swiveled toward her. The man raised his pistol. One bullet hit Malala on the top of her head. Two other students were also hit, less seriously.

Malala was transferred to a military hospital near Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, as her head swelled dangerously. Her father, Ziauddin, was certain that his daughter would not survive the night. He sent a message to his brother-in-law in Swat to prepare a coffin.

Pakistani doctors removed a bullet that entered her head and traveled toward her spine before she was flown to Britain for more specialized brain trauma care. She woke up a week later at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England.

She says she regained consciousness with one thought: "Thank God I'm not dead."

Malala gradually regained her sight and her voice. She was reunited with her parents. Soon there were pictures, stuffed animals at her side. She sent messages to well-wishers.

Three months later she walked out of the hospital, smiling shyly as she cautiously strode down the corridor.

"She is quite well and happy on returning home—as we all are," her father told The Associated Press at the time.

Pakistan made Malala's father its education attaché in Birmingham for at least three years, giving the family stability and Malala a safe place to go to school.

She went back to school as soon as she could, and confessed that math was her least favorite subject. She kept campaigning for the rights of children to go to school—meeting President Barack Obama, attending rights conferences, becoming the keynote speaker at corporate events in London. She began rubbing elbows with people who had the power and the money to help her realize her dreams.

All along, she delighted many by simply being young, determined and most of all, herself.

At a Vodafone conference celebrating women, she confided that she didn't have a mobile phone. The crowd gasped, but chuckled at the notion of a teenager who admitted she had no need for a phone.

With British journalist Christina Lamb, she co-authored a memoir, "I am Malala," which revealed to the world that she was, in fact, also a regular teenager. There's a part of her

that loves the TV show "Ugly Betty," whose main character works at a fashion magazine. She likes pop star Justin Bieber, watches the television cooking show "Master Chef."

And on Friday, the people who helped her on the journey—and those just touched by her story along the way—couldn't help but be swept up by the magic of it all.

"Malala is an inspiration for the many women in Afghanistan and Pakistan who have been fighting for their rights and struggling against the misogynous policies of the Taliban and local warlords," said David Cortright, co-author of "Afghan Women Speak" and a professor at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. "As we know, people learn best from personal stories. Malala's story is a powerful antidote to extremist propaganda, and the Nobel Prize reinforces its impact."

Doctors in Birmingham offered congratulations, noting her focus and dedication. And the people of the city that threw its arms out to welcome her simply nodded their heads: No surprise at this news. She's liked here, well known. Malala has embraced the city, proudly describing herself as a "Brummie" like other locals.

"Sure, puts a bit of pride into it," said John Mullan, 78, an aluminium worker and resident of Birmingham, said Friday after the Nobel Prize news. "She's just a young girl who stood up to them. Many other people wouldn't have done that."

Malala remains determined to return to Pakistan one day and

enter politics. In Birmingham on Friday, her growing polish was clear. She spoke from the heart in three languages, offering an almost uncanny combination of a teenager with a vision and a diplomat with a platform.

She did a need a box though, so that she could be seen over the podium. A small concession, but necessary to be heard.

She will split the peace prize's \$1.1 million cash award with co-winner Satyarthi. Malala said the joint prize gives a message that the people of both countries—and people who are Hindu and Muslim—can work together.

"We support each other," she said.

Her parents and brothers

came, too, and posed together for family photographs while the world's media begged them to look their way. Her normally reticent mother, who has more than once hidden when cameras emerged, stood alongside, looking straight ahead. Beaming.

But what everyone wanted to know was: how did she learn the news? How did a 17-year-old who just received the world's highest honor react after being pulled out of chemistry.

"I felt really honored," she said with a schoolgirl gush. There was probably some jumping up and down, but she didn't mention that.

Then she turned around and rejoined the other girls. She was back in time for physics.

Nobel Peace Prize

Alfred Nobel was interested in social issues and was engaged in the peace movement. His acquaintance with Bertha von Suttner (who was later awarded the 1905 Nobel Peace Prize) influenced his own views on peace. Perhaps his peace interest was also because his inventions were used in warfare and assassination attempts. Peace was the fifth and final prize area that Nobel mentioned in his will.



Here is a list of some of the winners and their achievements

2014 - Kailash Satyarthi, Malala Yousafzai: For their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education.

2010 - Liu Xiaobo: For his long and non violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China.

2005 - Mohamed ElBaradei, IAEA: For their efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes and to ensure that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest possible way.

2000 - Kim Dae-jung: For his work for democracy and human rights in South Korea and in East Asia in general, and for peace and reconciliation with North Korea in particular.

1995 - Joseph Rotblat, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs: For their efforts to diminish the part played by nuclear arms in international politics and, in the longer run, to eliminate such arms.

1990 - Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev: For his leading role in the peace process.

1985 - International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

1980 - Adolfo Pérez Esquivel: Leader of Servicio Paz y Justicia, an organization based on a Christian view of life, and working with clergy and bishops critical of present-day conditions in Latin America.

1975 - Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov: For his opposition to the abuse of power and his work for human rights in the Soviet Union.

1970 - Norman E. Borlaug: Borlaug recommended improved methods of cultivation, and developed a robust strain of wheat, dwarf wheat that was adapted to Mexican as well as India and Pakistan conditions. By 1956 Mexico had become self-sufficient in wheat.

1965 - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

1960 - Albert John Lutuli: Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence, he became the spokesman of a campaign of civil disobedience directed against South Africa's policy of racial segregation.

1950 - Ralph Bunche: Ralph Bunche was the first colored man to be awarded the Peace Prize. He received it for having arranged a cease-fire between Israelis and Arabs during the war that followed the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

1930 - Lars Olof Jonathan (Nathan) Söderblom: For being the leader behind the Universal Conference on Life and Work in Stockholm in 1925, a church meeting which declared its support for efforts to bring about an international system of justice and arbitration.

1920 - Léon Victor Auguste Bourgeois: A campaigner for a League of Nations. During World War I, Bourgeois drew up a proposal for a global organization that would secure peace.

1910 - Bureau international permanent de la Paix (Permanent International Peace Bureau)

1901 - Jean Henry Dunant, Frédéric Passy: Dunant, founder of the Red Cross. Passy, one of the founders of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, an organization for cooperation between the elected representatives of different countries.

Health & Fitness

Disease detectives ID, track down those exposed to Ebola

By SEEMA YASMIN
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS—Dr. Michelle Chevalier recalls flying to Dallas and standing at an airport baggage carousel, feeling remarkably calm despite the Ebola crisis in Texas.

She was ready for the long and hard work ahead.

Chevalier is one of a dozen investigators with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who are trying to identify and monitor everyone who came into contact with Thomas Eric Duncan, the patient diagnosed with Ebola who died at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas on Wednesday.

She had been working at the CDC's Emergency Operations Center in Atlanta, helping to coordinate and support the efforts of fellow disease detectives who were deployed to West Africa.

With just a few hours' notice, Chevalier was assigned to the Dallas case. Not knowing when she'd return to Atlanta, she paid her rent, took care of her bills and packed enough clothes for at least two weeks.

Arriving Oct. 1, in Dallas, she joined a community contact tracing team, a mix of CDC investigators and staff from Dallas County Health and Human Services. Together, they're tracing the path that Duncan took once he had become infectious.

Ebola is contagious only when a person has developed symptoms.

"I was relieved he wasn't sick when he landed at the airport," Chevalier said. It would have made her job a lot harder.

The local officials are running the operation, and Chevalier knows this well. At the CDC, she has been told time and time again to work carefully with local and state health workers.

She was told to respect their authority, defer to their knowledge of local issues and always represent the CDC as a helpful, collaborative federal agency.

If she didn't, the ramifications would be long-standing. Because of past experiences that didn't go well, dozens of county



Thomas Nellon, left, 17, and his brother Johnson Nellon, 14, of Liberia, smile at their mother in the arrivals area at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, upon seeing her after passing through customs. AP

woman we just could not find," said Chevalier. "The address in the medical system was wrong. She must have moved."

To find the woman, Chevalier said, she had to "do a lot more detective work." She used a phone directory, the woman's emergency contact information and a tip from the woman's ex-landlord to track her down.

Duncan had also come into contact with health-care workers at Presbyterian's emergency room in his first visit there Sept. 25.

He'd been sent home with antibiotics. Chevalier needed to know which health-care workers tended to him. For that, she turned to her fellow disease detective, Dr. Lauren Epstein.

A graduate of George Washington University and Tufts University, Epstein is an expert at dealing with investigations involving health care workers and health care settings. In Atlanta, she works at the CDC's

Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, which focuses on protecting the health of patients and health-care workers.

She led outbreak investigations of drug-resistant bacteria in Illinois and studied how some hospitals were spreading these infections. "Those previous investigations definitely helped to prepare me for Dallas," she said.

Epstein is working on a different team called the health care contact tracing team, based at Presbyterian.

Epstein was making a list filled with the names and phone numbers of doctors, nurses, technicians and other Presbyterian staff. "Then we interviewed them," she said. "We were trying to work out what the risk of exposure was and what their risk of Ebola was."

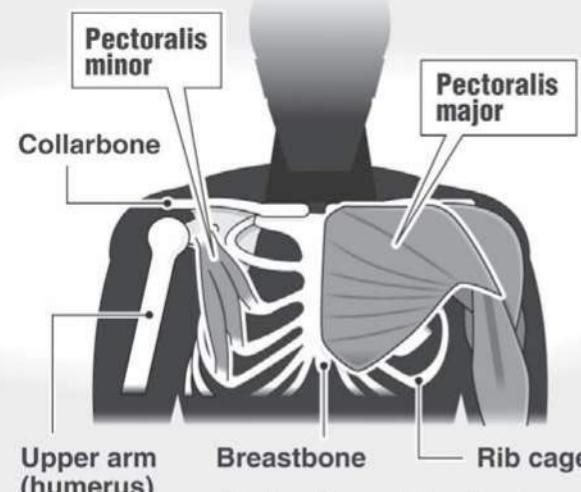
Just like Duncan's community contacts, those health-care workers are receiving twice-a-day temperature checks and close monitoring for signs of Ebola.

The task is "hard and stressful," Epstein said, but she's confident the CDC team will be able to stop the spread of infection. "This is something that I know how to do," she said.

Personal Trainer

Chest exercise to do anywhere

This static, or "isometric," exercise of the chest muscles is easy to do at work, while traveling or while sitting quietly.



The 'pecs,' or chest muscles,

work with arm and shoulder muscles to ...

... push against objects and ...

... pull objects toward chest

Cycle of isometric chest presses



Bend elbows; press hands together below waist; hold 5 seconds; release



Raise hands to level of nipples; repeat for 5 seconds



Raise hands a little above shoulders and repeat

Some variations

- Press hands together with wrists crossed
- Do steps 1, 2 and 3 in random order

Source: Ten Minute Tone-Ups for Dummies

Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap

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Michigan toddler dies from enterovirus D68

DETROIT (AP)—A 21-month-old girl is the first person in Michigan to die from the virus that has caused severe respiratory illness across the country, state health officials said Saturday.

Madeline Reid died Friday afternoon from enterovirus D68, according to Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Its chief medical officer, Dr. Rudolph Valentini, said in a statement that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the illness after the Clinton Township girl's arrival,

but did not specify which day she arrived.

"It is never easy to lose a child, and our entire health care team at the Children's Hospital of Michigan is deeply saddened by this family's loss and mourns with them during this very difficult time," Valentini said.

A New Jersey state medical examiner said last week that a 4-year-old boy died of the virus, and the CDC says five people infected with the virus have died, but it's not clear what role the virus played. The CDC said

in a release this week that the virus has sickened 691 people in 46 states and Washington, D.C.

Enterovirus D68 can cause flu-like symptoms and respiratory problems. The virus can be spread through coughing, sneezing and contact with contaminated surfaces. There is no vaccine or specific treatment.

As of Tuesday, 31 cases in Michigan had tested positive for enterovirus D68, according to Jennifer Smith, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Community Health.

Life & Style

New Jersey enforces isolation order for NBC crew

By GEOFF MULVIGHILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Jersey officials have issued a mandatory quarantine order for members of an NBC crew that was exposed to a cameraman with Ebola.

The order went into effect Friday night after state health officials said a voluntary 21-day isolation agreement was violated.

Officials with the state Health Department told The Associated Press that the crew remains symptom-free and there is no reason for concern of exposure to the deadly virus to the community.

Citing privacy concerns, department officials wouldn't give further details, including who violated the voluntary agreement and how the state learned of the violation.

The NBC crew included medical correspondent Nancy Snyderman, who lives in New Jersey. She was working with Ashoka Mukpo, a cameraman who was infected in West Africa. He is being

Nielsen admits to errors in TV measurement

NEW YORK (AP)—The Nielsen company on Friday admitted to errors dating back to March in its measurement of television viewing, statistics that serve as the foundation for billions of dollars in advertising spending for the entire broadcast industry.

The company blamed a software glitch for errors that, industry officials said, mistakenly credited ABC for viewing that was in reality spread across all of the broadcast networks. Nielsen described the errors as minuscule, but the extent will become better known next week when the company issues corrected ratings for the first week of the television season.

Nielsen executives said the errors only became apparent in the past few weeks when the beginning of a new television season meant more people were tuning in.

"The differences are small enough that those of us who look at these numbers every day and live by them didn't notice a difference," said Patricia McDonough, Nielsen senior vice president for planning policy and analysis.

The mistakes came up in adjustments Nielsen makes to its ratings each day between an early morning estimate of

treated in Nebraska.

An NBC representative told The AP on Saturday that the network could not comment on any individual case, but noted that the team was deemed to be low-risk upon its return from Liberia and its members agreed to follow guidelines set by local health authorities.

"We fully support those guidelines and continue to expect that they be followed," the representative said. "Our team are all well with normal temperatures, which they check multiple times a day, and they are also in daily contact with local health officials."

In a phone interview with "Today" last week, Snyderman said all the gear she and her crew used was being disinfected because they all shared work space and vehicles. She said she believed she and her team were at a low risk because they have been "hyper-vigilant."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that people exposed to the virus develop symptoms two to 21 days after their exposure.

viewers and a more complete accounting that is released late in the afternoon. The morning estimate doesn't account for schedule changes in individual markets and sometimes doesn't assign some market results to individual networks.

It was discovered that all of the unassigned viewing was mistakenly being credited to ABC, making that network's afternoon viewership estimates consistently higher than those reported earlier in the day.

CBS research chief David Poltrack said his network became suspicious upon looking at ratings for "Dancing with the Stars" on Sept. 22. Two big ABC affiliates, in New York and Chicago, carried the "Monday Night Football" game that night between the Chicago Bears and New York Jets instead of "Dancing." When Nielsen adjusted its ratings to account for two large markets that did not carry "Dancing," it stood to reason that the show's ratings would drop with the more detailed afternoon accounting.

Instead, the "Dancing With the Stars" afternoon numbers went up. CBS began noticing a pattern of ABC ratings being adjusted upward in the afternoon and called it to Nielsen's attention, Poltrack said.

New documentary is witness to Snowden NSA leak

NEW YORK (AP)—With an uncommon view of history in action, a new documentary captures Edward Snowden's leak of NSA documents as it unfolded in a Hong Kong hotel room.

Laura Poitras' highly anticipated documentary "Citizenfour" premiered Friday night at the New York Film Festival. The one-of-a-kind film presents a remarkably intimate portrait of Snowden, including his first meetings with the journalists with whom he shared thousands of documents revealing the previously undisclosed collection of Americans' phone and email records by the National Security Agency.

Initially communicating under the alias "citizenfour," Snowden reached out to Poitras, a hybrid journalist-documentarian, and Guardian reporter Glenn Greenwald. The film shows their very first meeting with Snowden and the days that followed as his revelations made international news.

From the beginning, Snowden is seen as highly aware that such a leak would mean sacrificing his own freedom.

"I already know how this will end for me," he says. "And I accept the risk."

Snowden was charged with three felonies under the Espionage Act: unauthorized communication of national defense information, theft of government property and willful communication of classified communications in-



In this June 9, 2013 file photo provided by The Guardian Newspaper in London shows Edward Snowden, who worked as a contract employee at the National Security Agency, in Hong Kong. AP

telligence to an unauthorized person. He is currently living in asylum in Russia, where he fled from Hong Kong with the aid of WikiLeaks' Julian Assange.

Poitras said she showed the film to Snowden two or three weeks ago, during which she shot footage (used in the film) of Snowden and his longtime girlfriend, Lindsay Mills, cooking dinner at their Moscow home.

Members of Snowden's family attended the screening, which was received with an emotional standing ovation. His father, Lonnie Snowden, told the crowd: "The truth is coming and it cannot be stopped."

"Citizenfour," which the Weinstein Co.'s boutique label Radius will release Oct. 24, had been shrouded in mystery. For fear of having her footage seized, Poitras edited the film in Berlin. She and Greenwald returned to the United States earlier this year only after sharing the Pulitzer Prize for public service given to The Washington Post and The Guardian for the NSA revelations.

"This was a film about people who take risks and come forward," Poitras said after the screening.

Snowden, a former contractor for the NSA, comes across as calm, intelligent and deliberate. There are glimpses of

paranoia. After room service calls Snowden's hotel room, he unplugs the phone. A fire alarm momentarily prompts his concern. And when he enters passwords on his laptop, Snowden covers himself with a red blanket.

Throughout the process, Snowden speaks about not hiding or "skulking around," instead certain of himself as a whistleblower ready to take sole responsibility for the leak. "Put the target right on my back," he tells the filmmakers.

"So much has been said about Edward Snowden: a lot of it bad, but a lot of it really good," Greenwald said after the film. "I felt like this was really the first time that people could see who he really is in an unmediated way."

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The Holy Rosary will be recited at 5:30PM and will be followed by the Mass of Intention at 6:00PM.

Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

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Provocative Argentine exhibit of Barbies is pulled

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Barbie has long been an icon, just not a holy one.

A provocative art exhibit featuring Barbie fashion dolls as religious figures such as the Virgin Mary and her boyfriend Ken as a crucified Jesus Christ has been cancelled amid complaints and threats by angry believers, the artists behind the collection said Friday.

The exhibit called “Barbie: The Plastic Religion,” by Emiliano Paolini and Marianela Perelli, had been scheduled to open Saturday at the POPA gallery in Buenos Aires. But the pair said they decided not to put on the show of pop surrealism or “lowbrow” art so as not to offend people.

The 33 pieces in the collection include Barbie dolls dressed as the Virgin of Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico, and Joan of Arc, as well as a blue Kali, the extra-armed Hindu goddess of destruction. Along with Christ on the cross, Ken is also portrayed as Buddha, St. Sebastian and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“We have received threats from various parts of the world,”

Paolini said by telephone. “It’s crazy ... they have misinterpreted our work.”

He said he and Perelli chose the popular fashion doll for the project because “religion always represents Virgins with the most beautiful women; today the most beautiful woman is Barbie.” The prevailing concept of beauty is often reflected in portraits of the Virgin Mary, who was portrayed with a more robust figure in Michelangelo’s time, and a more stylized one during the Middle Ages, the artists said.

Paolini said they were baffled by the response, and insisted they themselves are religious: He has the word “Dios”—God—tattooed on his hand, and she wears a necklace featuring the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

“We have a sanctuary in the kitchen that has more saints than the Vatican,” Paolini said.

AP
Pieces from the exhibit called “Barbie: The Plastic Religion,” by Emiliano Paolini and Marianela Perelli stand on a table in the artists’ workshop in Rosario, Argentina, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014.



Former ‘SNL’ cast member Jan Hooks dies at age 57

NEW YORK (AP)—Former “Saturday Night Live” cast member Jan Hooks, whose impressions ranged from Nancy Reagan to Sinead O’Connor to Tammy Faye Bakker during a five-year stint on the show, has died.

The 57-year-old Hooks died Thursday in New York, according to her agent, Lisa Lieberman. She had no other details.

Hooks, a Decatur, Georgia, native, moved into prime time in 1991 as a cast member on the sitcom “Designing Women.” She later did an Emmy Award-nominated turn on “3rd Rock From the Sun.”

She also appeared in 1992’s “Batman Returns” and voiced convenience store owner Apu’s wife on “The Simpsons” for several years.

On “SNL,” she was part of a 1986 cast infusion that included fellow standouts Dana Carvey and Phil Hartman that helped the show after the previous season’s ratings dive.

“I was 15 years old when I first saw Jan Hooks on SNL. All of her characters spoke to me. She was one of the greats,” SNL alum Amy Poehler said in a statement.

A former member of the influential comedy troupe The Groundlings, she had been rejected twice before for a spot on the NBC com-



edy institution. Besides impersonations that included Bette Davis and Hillary Rodham Clinton, Hooks won laughs for original characters such as Candy, half of the bouffant-haired

Sweeney Sisters lounge act. But being on a live weekly broadcast proved hard on the comic actress.

“The show changed my life, obviously. But I have horrible stage fright,” she said in an oral history of “SNL.” While other performers wanted to “get in there and do it,” she said, “I was one of the ones that between dress (rehearsal) and air was sitting in the corner going, ‘Please cut everything I’m in.’”

She jumped at the chance to move into prime time when asked to join the sitcom “Designing Women,” appearing in the 1991-93 final seasons.

Born April 23, 1957, in Decatur, Georgia, Hooks studied for a time at the University of West Florida in Pensacola before leaving to begin her acting career, which included the 1985 movie “Pee-wee’s Big Adventure.”

Her screen work became much more sporadic after the 1990s. On “30 Rock” in 2010, she played the avaricious mother of Jane Krakowski’s character, Jenna Maroney.

Isaacson’s new book tells of digital revolution

NEW YORK (AP)—Walter Isaacson has a different way of looking at history.

Mention the second half of 1969 and he won’t talk about Woodstock or the moon landing but the development of the microprocessor and the first time separate computers were connected. And the 1990s? Not the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal or “Seinfeld.”

“In the end, the microchip had far more impact,” he says.

The author of best-sellers about Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein and Benjamin Franklin, Isaacson has long prided himself on making science and technology accessible to the general public. After books focused on one man’s story, he has taken a broader approach and written what he hopes will become the first major chronology of computers and the Internet: “The Innovators: How a Group of Inventors, Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution.”

“The Innovators” includes stories of Jobs, Bill Gates and other familiar names in the field, but it also honors such lesser-known pioneers as the 19th-century mathematician Ada Lovelace, daughter of the Romantic poet Lord Byron and among the first to express the concepts for digital technology. “Poetical science,” she called her work.

The geeks may find this old news, Isaacson says. But others—readers of Isaacson’s previous books—may be open to know more about the people who made their gadgets possible and about the gadgets themselves.

“Because I think the reader might want to know: How does a transistor work? What is a semiconductor? Why do a lot of transistors on a circuit allow it to perform logical tasks?” he says. “And those are beautiful concepts and I want to do them justice while explaining them in terms that an average reader who hasn’t studied technology can enjoy.”

Isaacson, 62 and a resident of Washington, D.C., spoke recently at his pied-a-terre in Manhattan that overlooks Central Park, an Apple store just a short walk away. Wearing slacks and a light blue shirt, he says he had planned the book for more than 20 years, since he was editor of new media for Time magazine. He was also encouraged by Gates and Jobs, both of whom believed the digital revolution was made possible by the intersection of personal computers and the Internet.

“The Innovators” was in the top 10 on Amazon.com upon its Oct. 8 publication, and has already been adapted by Geoffrey Cowan for a graduate course he teaches on entrepreneurship and new media at the University of Southern California. “I want to show my students examples of how the innovators broke rules and took chances,” said Cowan, an author and playwright and USC’s former dean of journalism and communications.

Isaacson’s new book is a story of how the great advances and best companies are born out of contrasts and competition.

The cover features pictures of Jobs and Gates, but “The

Innovators” is a tribute to both individual and team efforts, such as Bell Labs in the 1930s and ’40s and the groundbreaking online forum The WELL. Isaacson also cites the achievements made possible by cooperation among government, schools and the private sector, including legislation passed in the 1990s that made the Internet available to the general public.

(A key sponsor, then-U.S. Sen. Al Gore, did indeed help create the Internet.)

And Isaacson tracks the Utopians who think of the Internet as a public space and believe that knowledge should be

shared without ownership and the entrepreneurs who wanted to make money—a dynamic embodied by Apple founders Steve Wozniak and Jobs.

“When Steve Wozniak looked at the specs for the Intel microchip, he realized that he could create a whole new personal computer and he wanted to share it with everybody in the Homebrew Computer Club,” Isaacson said, referring to a gathering of technophiles founded in the mid-1970s in a Menlo Park garage in California. “But his friend Steve Jobs says, ‘Why don’t we go to the garage and make these things ourselves?’



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In this Oct. 3, 2014 photo, author Walter Isaacson poses before an interview at his home in New York.

Viola Davis opens up about a childhood in poverty

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Viola Davis told a crowd of Hollywood luminaries that her drive to end childhood hunger is fueled by memories of growing up in “abject poverty,” stealing and crawling through maggot-filled garbage bins to get food.

“I sacrificed a childhood for food,” she said, “and grew up in immense shame.”

Davis shared the personal story Friday as she accepted accolades at the Variety Power of Women luncheon, where Jane Fonda, Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Lopez were also recognized for humanitarian efforts.

Davis said her work with the Hunger Is campaign to raise awareness about hunger in the United States has been “the joy of my life.” She thanked her colleagues and supporters for the chance to “stand up in front of so many people, at the age of 49, and share my testimony and begin the process of healing.”

Witherspoon was recognized for her involvement with the Malala Fund, the

educational advocacy organization established by Malala Yousafzai, who won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday. Witherspoon said she was inspired by her daughter, Ava, to explore the state of girls’ education around the world and learn about Malala’s efforts.

Lopez said her namesake foundation was also inspired by her children. Lopez said she and her sister, Lynda, started the Lopez Family Foundation when they were pregnant together in hopes of helping needy families receive high-quality health care.

Fonda is involved with various philanthropic programs, but she was honored Friday for creating the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power & Potential, which works to prevent teen pregnancy and inspire healthy lifestyles in that state.

“I grew up believing that service is the rent you pay for life,” Fonda said.

Other honorees included Universal Pictures chair Don-

na Langley, who works with Vital Voices, an international campaign that supports female community leaders; and Jessica Matthews, creator of the Soccket, a soccer ball that harnesses energy with play and becomes an off-grid power source.

Guests at the Lifetime-sponsored luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel included Ryan Seacrest, Maria Bello, Allison Janney and “Wild” author Cheryl Strayed.

AP
Actress Viola Davis poses at The Rape Foundation’s Annual Brunch at Greenacres on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.



Lucinda Williams doubles up on the music

NEW YORK (AP)—Lucinda Williams had considered releasing a double CD at least once before, but her record company argued against it. Now the veteran singer-songwriter is putting music out on her own label.

Problem solved. “Down Where the Spirit Meets the Bone,” with 20 songs on two CDs, is available now.

“Once we had all the tracks, it was clear to everyone that there was no way we were going to narrow this down to one album,” said Williams, who recorded 34 songs in Los Angeles with the help of Bill Frisell, Tony Joe White, Ian McLagan, Jakob Dylan, Elvis Costello’s regular rhythm section and others.

Double CDs are usually frowned upon for good reason. They cost more to make, and more to buy. They’re so often bloated with substan-

dard material that it’s a critical cliché to say that judicious editing would have made for a killer single CD.

Music executive Kim Buie hates that last argument, especially because “in some cases, it’s true.”

Buie, who worked at Williams’ former label and is now at the Thirty Tigers distribution company that is handling the new release, worried that Williams was asking too much of fans because earlier this year one of her old albums was re-released in a two-CD format. Then Buie listened.

“As the music started emerging, it was like, ‘holy crap, this is a treasure trove,’” she said.

The disc debuted at No. 13 on the Billboard album chart, with higher first-week sales than her last new release, despite the \$18.98 list price.

Williams’ prolific streak at

age 61 upends two beliefs that had become part of her narrative: that she’s a perfectionist who slowly parcels out material, and that her creative well would run dry without romantic turmoil.

Chalk it up to being a late bloomer, Williams said.



This undated image released by Highway 20 Records shows Lucinda Williams.

Rapper arrested after gun found in bag at airport

ATLANTA (AP)—Police say rapper Waka Flocka Flame was arrested after a handgun was found in his carry-on bag during a security scan at Atlanta’s airport.

Atlanta police say the 28-year-old rapper and “Love & Hip-Hop: Atlanta” star didn’t have a weapons permit. He was arrested Friday afternoon and charged with carrying a weapon in a prohibited place.

He was being held in the Clayton County jail. An initial

court appearance was set for Saturday morning. It wasn’t immediately clear if he had a lawyer.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Mark Howell said agents have found about 1,600 guns so far this year in bags at airport security checkpoints nationwide.

In addition to any criminal penalties, Howell says the TSA can impose a fine of up to \$11,000 depending on the infraction.

Man takes canceled lunch date as personal rejection

DEAR ABBY: My lunch date for today canceled on me. Generally, when a girl does this, I delete her number and move on. But in this instance, it wasn’t a first or second date. We have been seeing each other for about a month and have built up some degree of intimacy. Moreover, I know she’s not lying when she says she had a busy week. She apologized via text not once, but twice.

Nevertheless, I feel that as genuine as her apology was and as she has seemed in the time we have been together, this incident indicates either a lack of caring or integrity.

Would I be right to forget her? Or is this the one time a cancellation is justified?

CLASSIC OVER-ANALYZER IN L.A.

DEAR OVER-ANALYZER: Your problem isn’t that you are a classic over-analyzer; it’s that you seem to be extremely insecure to the point of courting rejection when none is there. People cannot always control their schedules. And cancellations can happen more than once without it being an indication of lack of interest or caring. I see no reason why you should “forget” a woman whose company you enjoy, unless you are a masochist.

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother of three grown children who all have successful careers. The problem is they seem to have lost touch with the real world. They no longer have compassion or respect for people who must live with less,

or who are not as well-educated as they are. This includes my husband and me.

We feel like we no longer fit into their world. It has become hard for us to have any relationship with them. How can I make them see that money and status are not the only things in this world, and that they should show more compassion to others?

IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD IN OHIO

DEAR IN TOUCH: You have my sympathy, but the lessons you would like to teach your adult children are ones they should have learned during childhood. Sometimes people who are “nouveau riche” try to forget their humble beginnings by avoiding the people who knew them when they were regular folks. It couldn’t hurt to remind your offspring that money and status can be lost as quickly as they were earned, but family is supposed to be there forever.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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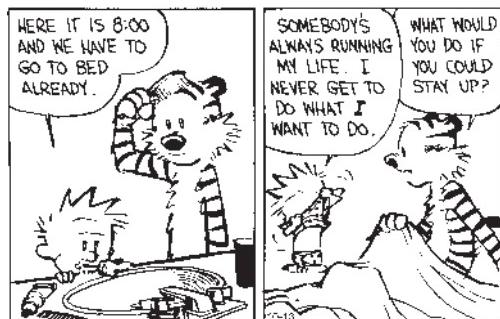
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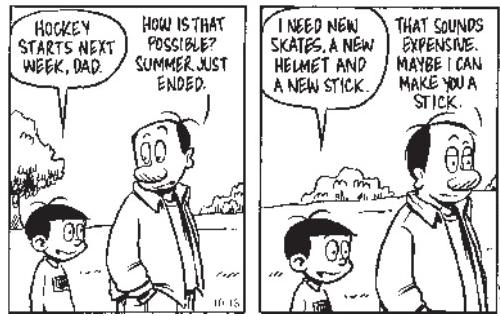


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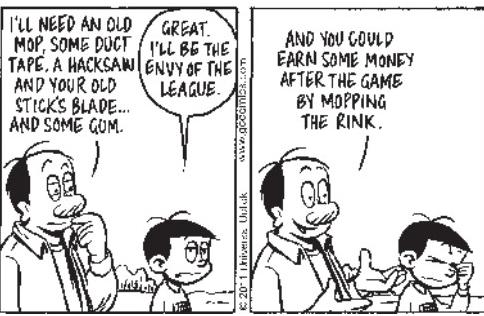
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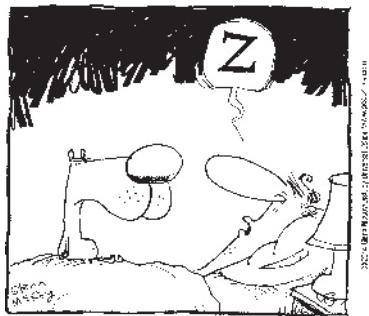


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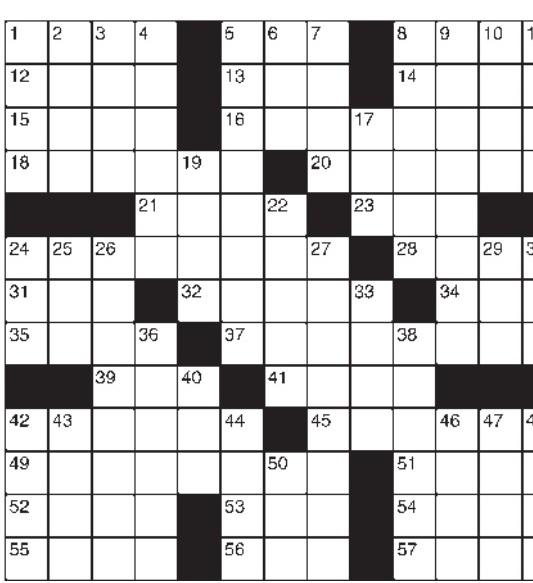
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Traveling or learning and exploring new people, places and pastimes will add to your knowledge and life experience. Adapting to your environment will open up a window of opportunity to excel. A relationship will move in a meaningful direction. ☀☀☀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of personal papers and prepare to replace equipment that is becoming obsolete. A peer will reveal information concerning your job or changes coming down the pipeline in your industry that will require you to update your skills. ☀☀

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your money and possessions tucked away in a safe place. Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Focus on home, family, planning and making your life as convenient and comfortable as possible. ☀☀

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will instigate serious talks that can improve your life and open up doors of opportunity. Sharing your thoughts will quickly lead to decisions that will bring you great satisfaction at home and at work. Love is in the stars. ☀☀

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Re-think any plans you have pending. It's better for you to slow down and see what transpires than to jump into something that has the potential to backfire. Put safety first and prepare to encounter the unexpected. ☀☀

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Mingle with people who have just as much to offer as you. Pregnancy, greater involvement with children and personal financial growth are all highlighted. An innovative career change can be successfully implemented. Romance will bring you closer to the one you love. ☀☀☀☀

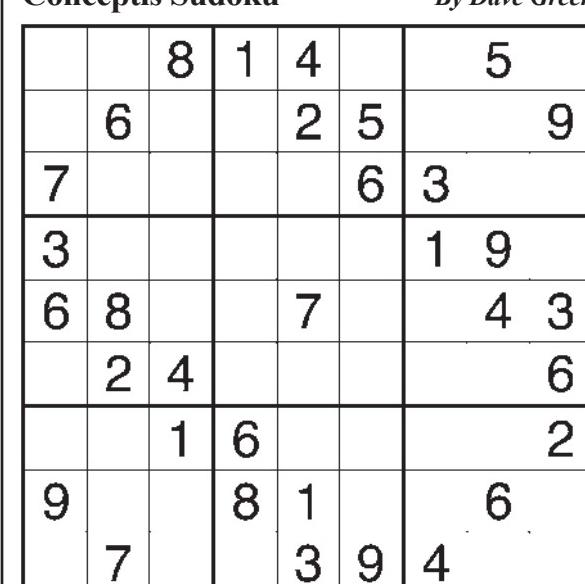
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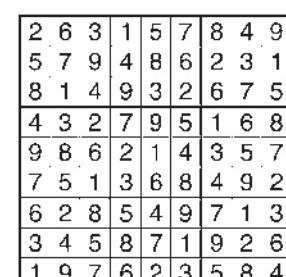
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Solution: 8 letters

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Royals thwart Orioles for 2-0 lead in ALCS



BALTIMORE
(AP)—The Kansas City Royals prefer to simply savor their exceptional performance at Camden Yards rather than ponder the historical ramifications of where it's gotten them.

Alcides Escobar doubled in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning, Mike Moustakas extended his home run binge and Kansas City remained perfect in the playoffs, beating the Baltimore Orioles 6-4 Saturday for a 2-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Now, the Royals head back to Kansas City with the knowledge that no team has ever lost a best-of-seven LCS after winning the first two games on the road.

"We don't want to be the first team to do that," designated hitter Billy Butler said. "That's all I get from that."

Lorenzo Cain had four hits, scored twice and drove in a run for the wild-card Royals, who are 6-0 in the playoffs this year, including 4-0 on the road. The Orioles hadn't lost two in a row in Baltimore since June 28-29, but Kansas City found a way to quiet the towel-waving, screaming crowds.

"The atmosphere here is great. It didn't affect us," Butler said. "Now we'll go home and see if they can play in our atmosphere."

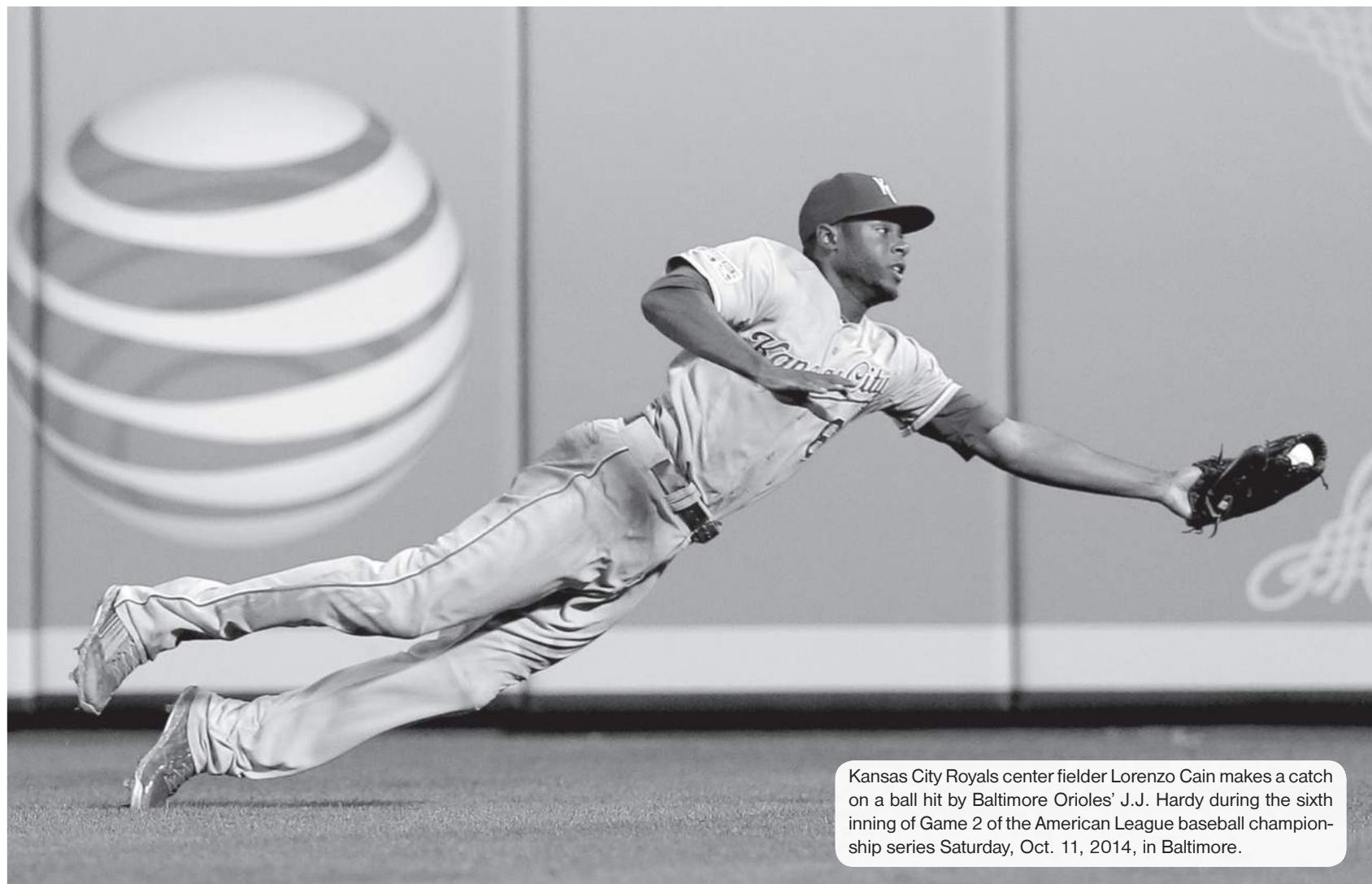
Moustakas homered for the fourth time in five games as the Royals won their ninth straight in the postseason, a string dating to the 1985 World Series.

"To come in here and win two games against a great team like that, it's huge for us," Moustakas said. "A lot of confidence going back home."

Game 3 is Monday at Kauffman Stadium. Former Oriole Jeremy Guthrie will start for the Royals against either Wei-Yin Chen or Miguel Gonzalez.

"We know they're a good team," Royals closer Greg Holland said after earning his second save of the series. "You can't really get too high on yourself."

The Orioles and manager Buck Showalter's team now must buck history to get Baltimore its first pennant since 1983.



Kansas City Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain makes a catch on a ball hit by Baltimore Orioles' J.J. Hardy during the sixth inning of Game 2 of the American League championship series Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, in Baltimore.

"If one team can do it, it's us," slugger Nelson Cruz said.

"The series ain't over," insisted Adam Jones, who hit his first playoff home run. "If you guys (are) thinking it's over, why are we going to show up on Monday?"

After squeezing out an 8-6 win in 10 innings on Friday night, the Royals again took apart the Baltimore bullpen with a late uprising.

With the score tied at 4 in the ninth, Omar Infante beat out an infield roller off Darren O'Day, the losing pitcher for the second straight day.

Zach Britton entered, and Moustakas laid down a bunt that moved pinch-runner Terrance Gore to second. Escobar then sliced an opposite-field grounder inside first base to bring home Gore.

Cain added an RBI single to become the only Royals player other than Hall of Famer George Brett to have a four-hit game in the postseason.

For the second time in two games, Wade Davis earned the win and Holland got three outs for the save. Holland struck out Steve Pearce with a runner on to end it.

"If you could go home 1-1, you're going to be really, really happy," manager Ned Yost said. "If you can go home 2-0, that's as good as it gets."

Baltimore's Bud Norris allowed four runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings. Royals rookie Yordano Ventura left in the sixth with tightness in his right shoulder after giving up four runs and six hits.

"He's fine," Yost said. "I don't anticipate him missing this next start."

Moustakas, the No. 9 hitter, hit a solo homer that put Kansas City up 4-3 in the fourth. Although he homered only once in the last 49 games of the regular season, Moustakas now stands tied with Willie Aikens for most homers by a Royals player in a single postseason.

"Getting good pitches to hit and not missing them," he said. "That's pretty much it."

Meanwhile, Guthrie says his emotion Monday will come from competing in the playoffs, not pitching against his former team. "I think history will be put, not even on a back burner, but on some kind of ... Lazy Susan or something," said Guthrie, who's 2-1 against Baltimore since being traded in February 2012.

Baltimore went 46-35 on the road this season and clinched the Division Series with a 2-1 win at Detroit.

Kansas City began its postseason winning streak by taking three straight from St. Louis to win the 1985 World Series. The Royals beat Oakland in the wild-card game this year, then swept the Los Angeles Angels in the ALDS.

Cruz had his sixth consecutive multihit game, the longest streak in postseason history. The run began in 2012. Also, Joseph snapped an 0-for-33 skid with his first hit since Sept. 10.

One day after going 3 for 4 with a homer and four RBIs, Kansas City's Alex Gordon struck out four times and stranded four runners in scoring position.

He accounted for half of KC's strike-out total.

S I D E B A R

Bumgarner tames Cards; Giants take opener

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Madison Bumgarner once again put the San Francisco Giants well on the road to a playoff victory.

Bumgarner pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and the Giants combined just enough hitting with a couple of defensive flubs by St. Louis to beat the Cardinals 3-0 Saturday night in the NL Championship Series opener.

Bumgarner set a major league postseason record with 26 2-3 consecutive scoreless innings on the road.

"That's pretty cool," he said. "There's stats for everything nowadays. I've happened to have a little extra good luck on the road."

Maybe, although his numbers show that perhaps it's more than luck. In four postseason road starts, he's 4-0 with an 0.59 ERA.

Jake Peavy gets the Game 2 start for the Giants on Sunday night against Lance Lynn.

Bumgarner, who began the playoffs by throwing a shutout at Pittsburgh in the wild-card game, gave up four hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Bumgarner bested the mark of 23 straight postseason scoreless innings on the road set by Art Nehf of the New York Giants from 1921-24.

The Cardinals' threatened against him only in the seventh on consecutive one-out singles by Yadier Molina and Jon Jay, but Kolten Wong tapped out and pinch-hitter Tony Cruz fanned.

The Giants' bullpen finished with hitless relief as Sergio Romo got the last out in the eighth and Santiago Casilla closed for a save.

Wainwright was 20-9 dur-

ing the regular season, including 5-0 with a 1.38 ERA in September with two complete games and a shutout. He's piled up a major league-high 512 2-3 innings the last two years.

The right-hander admitted before this series that his pitching elbow had bothered him during a start in the division series at Dodger Stadium.

"It's not 100 percent," Wainwright said. "I think it was 100 percent better than it was the last time I pitched, I'll say that."

In two October starts this year, Wainwright has permitted eight earned runs in nine innings. He's 0-4 with a 5.14 ERA in his last five postseason appearances - he lasted 4 2-3 innings against the Giants after going just 4 1-3 innings in the NLDS opener vs. Los Angeles.

The Cardinals twice failed to seal the deal defensively in the Giants' two-run second.

Third baseman Matt Car-

penter's fielding error with the bases loaded on Gregor Blanco's soft one-hop liner at his feet was their first error of the postseason.

Sandoval doubled to start the inning when rookie right fielder Randal Grichuk gloved the ball but couldn't hang on as he ran into the wall. Travis Ishikawa, 0 for 5 with five strikeouts and a walk against Wainwright, had an RBI single on a jam-shot bloop just over Carpenter's head in shallow left.

Wong misplayed a double-play ball at second base in the third, and Brandon Belt's sacrifice fly made it 3-0.

"We make a few plays and we can still be out there playing right now," manager Mike Matheny said.

Meanwhile, getting reunited with Bruce Bochy helped the 40-year-old Peavy turn back the clock. He worked 5 2-3 scoreless innings and won

the division opener against Washington, a continuation on a strong finish - 6-4 with a 2.17 ERA - after Boston dealt him to the Giants at the July trading deadline.

Cardinals: Lynn has been a solid No. 2 behind Wainwright, an innings-eater who has better learned to take setbacks in stride. He's won at least 15 games all three years in the rotation, and this year worked three or fewer runs in all but four of his 33 starts, and he's 27-12 career at home. "I'll still say he's probably one of the most underrated pitchers in the game," manager Mike Matheny said.

Michael Morse was added to the Giants' roster in place of rookie outfielder Gary Brown, but did not play. Morse had been limited to two at-bats since Aug. 31 with a strained oblique muscle. Brown was on the division roster, but was not used.

LeBron, Cavaliers beat Heat in Brazil



RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—LeBron James scored seven points while playing only 20 minutes against his former team, and the Cleveland Cavaliers went on to beat the Miami Heat 122-119 in overtime Saturday in an exhibition game in Brazil.

Kevin Love, who was acquired by Cleveland a month after James left the Heat to return to Ohio, finished with 25 points in an entertaining game in the beachfront city that will host the 2016 Olympics.

Chris Bosh led Miami with 19 points. The Cavaliers are 2-0 in the preseason and the Heat fell to 0-3.

James shook hands with the Heat starters at the tipoff, but made little eye contact. James said in practices in Rio there was no bad blood, which was confirmed by former teammates Dwyane Wade and Bosh.

"He's on another team," Bosh said Friday. "I think he'd understand that. I understand that. We'll have plenty of time to talk in the summer, and that's how it is now."

The real tension between the Heat and Cavs comes on Dec. 25, when the teams meet for the first time in the regular season.

James struggled in the first half and played little after that, but his new team carried him. He finished 2 of 8 from the field and 3 of 7 from the free throw line, though did have eight assists.

The HSBC Arena, which will be used for gymnastics during the Olympics, had a sold-out crowd of 15,411, with the top ticket advertised at \$350 and green and yellow Brazilian flags adding to the color.

"Who knows where this league will be 20, 25 years from now," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, drives past Miami Heat's Luol Deng during a NBA preseason basketball game as part of the NBA Global Games, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014.

stra said. "In the last six years since I've been the head coach we've been to England, France, China and Rio with tremendous experiences. Whether or not that happens on a regular basis—in the regular season—I don't know."

Wade is also a booster of the NBA's global profile.

"The NBA has done an unbelievable job of growing the game - the players as well - of making this game global," Wade said. We all benefit from it."

It was the Cavaliers' 32-year-old Brazilian center Anderson Varejao who got the loudest applause, upstaging James when the teams were introduced. Varejao left Brazil at 19 to begin playing abroad.

"I've been waiting my entire life for this," Varejao said from an on-court microphone. "I hope you enjoy it."

They did.

James missed the first shot of the game, a fall-away jumper from the left wing. Moments later Varejao scored the first points of the game on the Cavs' second trip down the floor. He finished the first quarter with eight points as the Cavs led 27-21.

Miami trailed by 20 points, but rallied against the Cavs' reserves to tie it at 105 and force overtime. Cleveland stretched the lead to 122-119 on two free throws by Joe Harris with 13 seconds left. Miami's Shabazz Napier missed two 3-point attempts in the final seconds.

The Cavs played without guard Kyrie Irving, who sprained his right ankle before the team left the United States.

SIDE BAR

Spoelstra admits to 'strangeness' of facing LeBron

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—

Although the Miami Heat had been downplaying the game against LeBron James all along, coach Erik Spoelstra and Chris Bosh said Saturday that they were glad it was finally out of the way.

Spoelstra said there was "certainly a level of strangeness" in the preseason game in Rio de Janeiro, while Bosh said that he hopes now everybody can "move on."

The Cleveland Cavaliers won 122-119 in overtime, with James scoring seven points and picking up eight assists in 20 minutes at the HSBC Arena.

It was the first time James played against the Heat since returning to Ohio after leading

his former teammates to two NBA titles in four years.

"For me it was a special moment to be back there competing against my old teammates," James said. "I didn't get that awkward feeling, but a lot of memories came back about the things that we accomplished."

James barely talked to his teammates before and during the game, though, doing his usual game routine.

"If you have to do something like this, I think it really benefits both teams to get the awkwardness out of the way in the preseason," Spoelstra said. "There was certainly a level of strangeness to it."

He said he didn't think it really affected the way the

teams approached their preparations, though.

"I think both teams also used this week just to concentrate on themselves," Spoelstra said. "We have quite a bit of work to do to get our defense and our continuity offensively together. This was just another step, so in terms of game plan I don't think either team spent a lot of time on that."

James and Bosh quickly shook hands, but didn't even seem to make eye contact before the game.

Bosh said it was "just normal routine stuff" to guard James, but he also thought it was good that the meeting is already in the past.

"I like the fact that we could

get everything out of the way, that we could just come out here for the preseason and kind of just let everybody see us," Bosh said. "We can move on."

He said it was "tough" as usual to play against the former teammate, "but as far as him in another uniform and being on different teams, we are pretty much over that."

"We are here to improve our team, to get better, and he is doing the same thing," Bosh said. "I'm glad we could get that out of the way and move on."

He acknowledged that it's "going to be a work in progress" for the Heat to play without James.

"For the last four years, of course, it's been a little easier with LeBron handling the ball," Bosh said. "He made everybody's lives easier."

Bae opens up a 4-shot lead at Frys.com Open

NAPA, Calif. (AP)—Bae Sang-moon ran off five straight birdies early in the third round Saturday at the Frys.com Open, and that was a lot of fun.

His big finish was more important.

Right when it looked as though Bae would be lucky to keep the lead, he closed with three big putts - one for par, another for eagle, the last one for birdie - to finished off a 7-under 65 and turn a tight battle into a four-shot lead going into the final round at Silverado.

"It's a good score," Bae said. "Four-shot lead makes me a little comfortable for Sunday, but I don't think about a win."

He was at 16-under 200 for his first 54-hole lead on tour. Bae will play in the final round with PGA Tour rookie Zach

Blair, who had a 69.

The way the third round ended, anything can happen.

The final three holes feature a pair of par 5s that can be reached in two by only the big hitters, sandwiched around a par 4 that played only 292 yards with the tees moved forward, with trees on left and an elevated green.

They changed the entire dynamic of the final round.

That stretch enabled Matt Kuchar and Brooks Koepka to get back into the hunt, but only briefly because of the great finish by Bae.

The 28-year-old South Korean was on the verge of making a sloppy bogey on the par-5 16th hole when he pulled his second shot into a hazard, played out of the ditch and then muffed the chip with his fourth shot. The ball barely got onto the fringe. Bae made

that 15-footer for par, and then hit the perfect drive on the 17th to just inside 6 feet for an eagle putt that gave him some breathing room.

He capped it off with another 15-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th to seize control.

Kuchar shot 31 on the back nine and played the last three holes in 3 under, just like Bae, only he got there differently. Kuchar birdied the 16th, and then hit driver to about 5 feet on the 17th for eagle and missed a short birdie attempt on the 18th.

"To be in contention on Sunday, golf gets fun. Golf gets exciting," Kuchar said after a 66. "The first tournament of the year and having a chance on a golf course that I think is a lot of fun ... I'm excited for tomorrow."

He was tied at 11-under 205 with Koepka (67), Scott Langley (69) and Martin Laird (71).

Koepka had a birdie-birdie-birdie finish - with his power,

he only needed a 3-wood on the 17th to get on the green to 20 feet.

"Today was kind of boring until the last three holes," Koepka said. "Just stayed patient and it worked out."

As much as the final few holes provide opportunity, they also can take away.

Hideki Matsuyama of Japan was one shot out of the lead when he pulled his tee shot on the 17th into the trees, and had to play a running chip through the trees and to the back of the green into gnarly rough. He wound up with a bogey, and then dropped another critical shot on the 18th when he drove into a tough spot in the fairway bunker. Instead of staying close to Bae, his bogey-bogey finish dropped him to a 69 and he was six shots behind.

The final stretch for Bae might not have meant as much

if not for his hot start.

"Five birdies in a row was a lot of fun," he said. "I read every break on the green. It was a really easy game."

Starting with his tee shot into 3 feet on the par-3 second hole, Bae ran off five straight bogeys to build a three-shot lead. The streak ended with a three-putt bogey, and he didn't make another birdie until a 12-foot putt on the par-3 15th.

But the final three holes gave him a cushion.

Bae's only victory on the PGA Tour was last year at the Byron Nelson Championship, and it meant so much to him that he got an apartment in the Dallas area so he could practice at the TPC Four Seasons.

While he has control of the tournament, he wasn't sure how he would approach the final round.

"So many good players behind me," he said. "PGA Tour is always competitive every

day, so I don't play just safe sometimes and aggressive sometimes. I need a really, really good combination. I putted really good this week, so it will be good tomorrow, too."

Hunter Mahan had a 68 and was with Matsuyama at 206, along with Retief Goosen (66) and David Lingmerth (70). Mahan is among four players in the field who were in the Ryder Cup in Scotland two weeks ago. Kuchar and Mahan had the best chance to win.

The Frys.com Open is the opening event in the new PGA Tour season, though it sure doesn't feel that way to Mahan. Including the Ryder Cup, he has competed 10 times in the last 13 weeks and is looking forward to break.

"I feel like I'm trying to finish this last one off and start the offseason and get some rest," he said. "It feels weird. But I'm here and I'm committed to this week."

Mayweather threatens to fire his dad for pushing Pacquiao fight



When it comes to fighting Manny Pacquiao, Floyd Mayweather is like a boomerang that always comes back to the same place.

Not a chance, says Floyd.

And now he's said it again. He's also implying once more that Pacquiao uses PEDs. More on that later.

The welterweight champ, still claiming to be The Best Ever, is once again trying to explain why it makes sense for him — a man who unapologetically proclaims his love of money and regularly poses with stacks of hundred-dollar bills — to avoid the one fight that would make him more of it than any other two fights you could name.

When Floyd wants to spread a ridiculous story like that he likes to use the facilities of fighthype.com, a fight site that's always willing to at least pretend "Money" Mayweather is talking sense. This time he also threatened to fire his father, Floyd Mayweather, Sr., if he doesn't shut up about Pacquiao. No surprise there. Junior's fired Daddy before.

"I want my dad to be with my team," he said, "but if he continues to go out there and speak on things that he has no knowledge about without communicating with me, then I must get a new trainer."

Over the course of the last year, Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, has made positive statements about putting together the Mayweather-Pacquiao super-fight, implying and sometimes even saying that negotiations are taking place. Arum, shooting for the stars, has even raised the possibility of staging two fights.

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Kim Yang and teammate Yoo Chang Hee topped the Ladies two-person net category with rounds of 37 and 38 for a combined score of 75. Kim Yuri and Kwan Yung Sook settled for second place with a 72 (36 and 36), while the duo of Jeon Ma Ae and Jeon Seo Yeon finished third after shooting a 70 (34 and 36).

Champions in each of the



Floyd Mayweather, left, connects on the face of Robert Guerrero during a one-sided welterweight bout last year. AP

Also, Richard Schaefer is no longer running Golden Boy Promotions, which does all the promotional heavy lifting for Mayweather cards on a fight-by-fight basis. Schaefer never had any right to speak for Mayweather, but he did anyway, quite routinely, and said repeatedly that he would never work with Arum and there would be no Mayweather-Pacquiao fight, period. Mayweather clearly liked what Schaefer said.

It made perfect sense to Schaefer, who comes from a Swiss banking family, to avoid doing something necessary if he found it unpleasant. Why

worry about millions of fans and the lost hundreds of millions of dollars?

Now that Mayweather has only two remaining fights on his six-bout contract with Showtime, lots of people figured the logical last opponent would be Pacquiao, who will defend his WBO title Nov. 22 against Chris Algieri in Macau.

If Mayweather were to score two more victories, he would equal the 49-0 record of the great Rocky Marciano. How sweet it would be to notch that 49th win against his nemesis the Philippines congressman.

But Mayweather doesn't like to hear that kind of talk, and he surrounds himself with people who obey his preference.

Recently, "Money" fired side-kick Leonard Ellerbe. Lately, Floyd's own father, apparently forgetting that entourage members can be easily replaced, has been failing to heed Floyd's encyclical.

Mayweather, who turns 38 in February, has already paid Pacquiao we don't know how many millions as part of an out-of-court settlement because with no proof whatsoever he'd accused Pacquiao of using banned performance-enhancing drugs. As

part of the settlement, he issued an apology that stated he never said the things that he said.

Recently Floyd hired strength and conditioning trainer Alex Ariza, who used to be in Pacquiao's camp, and in his telephone interview with Fighthype, he alluded to this, but tried to do it in such a way as to avoid having to make another out-of-court settlement:

"One thing that I really want to say while I'm on this phone, a lot of things that I talked about in the past, I was 100 percent right," says Mayweather. At another point, he states, "Some

Mayweather, in his latest rant, also says once again that Pacquiao can't draw fans or make much in endorsement money. Interesting, when you consider that Mayweather gets no real endorsement money at all because he keeps pleading guilty to beating up his girlfriends and then denying it later.

Mayweather knows he has some fans who believe it makes sense for him to avoid earning the fattest purse in history against a guy that he claims can't fight and that he should instead compete against lesser fighters for lesser purses.

But fewer and fewer fans believe it. And history won't believe it at all.

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seconds faster than the 6:38.55 of another SSC bet Amanda Johnson. Johnson made the age group mark on April 29, 2000.

Two more records of Johnson fell with Dangol setting new marks in the girls U8 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke events. Dangol clocked in at 41.69 seconds in the 50m butterfly to surpass the 45.48 seconds Johnson registered on March 31, 2000. In the 50m backstroke, Dangol came in at 45.39 seconds to eclipse the 46.82 seconds Johnson recorded on March 30, 2000.

In another sprint event—the 50m backstroke—Rivera graced the CNMI record books for the first time as her 43.76 seconds was faster than the former girls 17 to 18 mark (44.34 seconds) of Keanna Villagomez. The former SSC swimmer achieved the age group mark on April 16, 2011.

Meanwhile, in the 100m backstroke event, three Tsunami Saipan swimmers earned PBTs. Hans Xu clocked in at 1:38.75 in the boys U8 race to erase his previous PBT of 1:43.39. In the 9 to 10 age group, Juhn Tenorio recorded 1:29.94, around three sec-

onds faster than his old PBT (1:32.64). In the 11 to 12 division, Mark Maestro chopped off more than six seconds from his previous PBT (1:28.85) after logging 1:22.38 in the Oct. 4 competition.

In the 200m freestyle, two SSC swimmers achieved PBTs. Jinnosuke Suzuki registered 2:50.53 (from 2:50.73) in the U8 race, while fellow SSC bet Conatsu Kaga timed in at 2:50.67 (from 2:54.34) in the girls 11 to 12 age group.

Results of other events and SSC and Tsunami Saipan swimmers' PBTs will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

ing the two-man scramble best ball tournament would raise close to \$9,000, which will be used to fund their group's scholarship projects.

"We normally get \$9,000 and it is enough to fund our scholarship projects for deserving students in the Northern Marianas

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continued with her hot shooting in the second half as Southern pulled away, while Kagman helped the Lady Rays' cause when it failed to find the basket a number of times in the final half of the match.

Alferos led all scorers with her 31 points. Natasha Wgirausui paced Kagman with her 8 markers, while Rose Jones and Liza-ma added 6 and 4, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the first game, MCS had an easy outing opposite MHS.

The Lady Knights broke the game wide open early as they capitalized on every turnover committed by the Lady Dolphins. It was a frustrating day for MHS as it was held to a season-low 3 points in the third quarter and started the fourth facing a

daunting task of overhauling a 43-point deficit, 16-59.

Jan Travilla scattered 17

points for MCS, while Karleen Reyes and Tawnie Manibusan chipped in 14 and 10 markers,

respectively.

Alyanna Garon paced MHS' losing cause with her 14 points, while Maria Theresa Dalusong and Abigail Bergosa were the only two other scorers for the Lady Dolphins, adding 9 and 7.

The MISO caging kicked off only last week as three play dates were rescheduled due to various reasons. League executive director for operations Nick Gross said the make-up games will be played on Oct. 18, Jambooree Day Saturday. The postponed matches scheduled for Oct. 1, 3 and 8 will be played accordingly, starting at 9am at the MHS gym.

"Game times are subject to changes so please make sure to have your teams on-site (MHS gym) and ready to play well in advance of your scheduled time," said Gross.

First Game

MCS 67 – Travilla 17, Reyes 14, Manibusan 10, Taimanao 7, Flores 4, Sato 4, Villagomez 4, Ya 4, Mafnas 3.

MHS 30 – Garon 14, Daluso 9, Bergosa 7.

Scoring by quarters: 18-5, 26-13, 59-16, 67-30.

Second Game

SSHS 42 – Alferos 31, Bautista 4, Alegre 3, Rogoyawa 2, Siech 2.

KHS 27 – Wgirausui 8, Jones 6, Lizama 4, Cabrera 3, Lacay 2, Mettao 2, Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 6-9, 19-13, 34-17, 42-27.

Sonics, Ol'Aces down foes in youth league

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The Sonics and Ol'Aces recorded contrasting wins in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the U21 game last Wednesday, the 670 Sonics cruised to a 73-55 victory, while in the U18 pairing last Thursday, the Ol'Aces nosed out Rollers B, 44-43.

The Ol'Aces prevailed in the battle of winless teams, thanks to the 3-pointer of Matthew Peter and a split from Dennis Moses. The duo's clutch baskets allowed the Ol'Aces to snap their two-game losing skid, while handing the Rollers B its third straight loss.

The Rollers B-Ol'Aces tiff was a close fight right at the get-go with the former holding on to a 4-point cushion at the end of the first period, 10-6. Five different players scored for the Ol'Aces in the opening canto, while only two hit the



with his 16 markers.

In the U21 pairing, the Sonics bounced back from a sluggish start and dominated the G-Rollers in the second half en route to the 18-point victory.

The Sonics faced an early double-digit deficit in the first period, 10-20, as they failed to neutralize Prince Factor, who scored 9 markers in the first frame. Factor nearly duplicated the number of field goals the Sonics made to threaten an upset against the second-running team.

Factor was still on fire in the second period, but Jack Aranda and Sean Rabasto were there for the Sonics to trade baskets with the G-Rollers gunner and move the team within three at halftime, 31-34.

Emerson Feria and Melvin Cadiang took over from Rabasto and Aranda in the third, hitting baskets in streak as the Sonics grabbed the lead, 52-46. Feria nailed 6 straight points midway in the third, while Cadiang logged 5 of

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Sonics' Jack Aranda is fouled by KFC's Tristan Montes on his way to the basket during a boys U21 game in the BANMI youth caging early this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

the Sonics' last 6 markers in that period.

The Sonics never relinquished the lead from thereon and even stretched the advantage to as much as 20, as they held Factor to 2 points in the fourth and the entire G-Rollers crew to four field goals.

WEDNESDAY

Sonics 73 – Rabasto 13,
Aranda 11, Feria 11, Villanueva 8, Cadiang 7, Dela Rosa 7, Palacios 5, De Guzman 5, Flores 2.

G-Rollers 55 – Factor 19,
Arciaga 12, Babauta 6, Nakayama 5, Malonzo 4, R. Deleon Guerrero 3, Capuyon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-20,
31-34, 52-46, 73-55.

THURSDAY

Ol'Aces 44 – Peter 8,
Ermitanio 6, Borja 6, Moses 4, Olopai 4, Laniyo 4, Gilles 3, Kabiriel 2, Abobo 2, Cristobal 2.

Rollers B 43 – Oguromo 16,
Tengco 8, Hahn 6, Arceo 5, Fejeren 3, Factor 2, De Leon 1.

Scoring by quarters: 10-6,
22-18, 29-31, 44-43.



Back-to-back wins for Joeten



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Joeten started a streak in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League, following a 79-67 victory over Saipan Ice & Water last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Joeten notched its second straight win after a 0-2 start, coasting to the 13-point triumph as it showed a steady offense in the first three quarters of their match against Saipan Ice. Joeten scored in the 20s in the first three frames to build a good lead, going into the fourth quarter, while Saipan had a roller-coaster performance on offense.

Four players scored in twin digits for Joeten with quarterback Kevin De Leon leading the way with his 18 points. Syl Teregeyo added 18 markers,

a quarter. Joeten had only 14 markers in the final frame, as they melted the clock past the halfway mark of the fourth while still protecting a double-digit lead. De Leon held on to the ball most of the time and almost always started Joeten's offense once the 24-second shot clock hit the 10-second mark.

Joeten's slower pace also prevented Norita and Treat Kaipat from anchoring Saipan Ice's fastbreak plays, as the former was forced to pull up for several triples and had no success. Norita continued his struggle in the second half, as he was held to another one-field goal performance in the fourth period. However, Norita still led all scorers with his 23 points, while Kaipat added 16. John Santy was the third Saipan Ice player to post double figures with 10 points, but most of them came when Joeten was already in full control of the match. The rest of Saipan Ice players combined for only 10 points, while Joeten drew 18 from four other players to complement the solid scoring of its starters.

Joeten 79 – De Leon 19,
Teregeyo 18, Kwon 14, Samble 10, Lauron 9, Borja 5, Jacob 2, Jas. Sablan 2.

Saipan Ice 67 – Norita 23,
Kaipat 16, Santy 10, Villanueva 6, Fernandez 2, Olopai 2, Pangelinan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-17,
44-37, 65-52, 79-67.

while Dixon Kwon and Juanito Samble contributed 14 and 10, respectively.

De Leon drilled 7 points in the first period, while Teregeyo and Samble chipped in 6 each to lift Joeten to a 24-17 advantage. The Joeten trio overcame the 11-point explosion of Jerome Norita in the first frame. In the second canto, it was still a Norita show for Saipan Ice, while Joeten got baskets from multiple players to hit the 20-point mark (21 points) and retain the 7-point edge at halftime, 44-37.

The lead ballooned to 13 in the third, 65-52, as De Leon found new allies in Teregeyo and Kwon, while Joeten limited Norita to a bucket. Teregeyo and Kwon combined for 14 of Joeten's 21 points, while De Leon scored the other 7.

The 13-point advantage at the end of the third quarter allowed Joeten the luxury of slowing things down on offense, as the team failed to score at least 20 points for the first time in

A victory by the Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball coupled by a loss by leader Route33 Armatech Hustlers made the final seven weeks of the 2014 Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball League a little more interesting.

The Magic 8 Ball scored a 9-6 win over National Alamo Car Rental (60-60) in the Thursday league to cut Route33's lead to just one after the Hustlers dropped an 8-7 loss to the Jokers Homeboyz last week.

Chester Cuento, Rey Hermogenes, Rick Elefante, Rodel dela Cruz and Rico Montano delivered the decisive wins for Magic 8 Ball in their match up to improve to a 72-48 record, just one-win behind the Hustlers' 73-47 mark.

The Hustlers found the Homeboyz a tough opponent with the latter matching Route33 shot after shot.

The Homeboyz, which hiked its record to 64-56 to remain at fourth place, went toe-to-toe with the Hustlers and the match was tied at 6 heading into the last three doubles games.

The Homeboyz went two-

of-three with Nolan Cultura teaming up with Joey Lucido and George Lizardo to avenge the loss of Rolly Villanueva and Cesar Sangalang to the Hustlers' Jerry Soriano and Simeon Kapileo.

In other Thursday league results, Wild Bill's (65-55) scored an easy 10-5 decision over the Barcode Breakers (49-71) while the Poseidon Titans (60-60) also had the same scores in a victory over cellar-dwelling Team SCS (37-83).

In the Tuesday league, the Jokers IT&E Voyagers escaped with an 8-7 victory over Johnny's Crazy 8, while the Saipan TV Hustlers pulled off a 9-6 win against the Smoke Pub.



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Players of Magic 8 Ball (in red uniforms) and National Alamo Car Rental pose for a group photo during a break in their game in the Thursday division of the 2014 SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.



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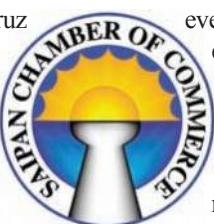
Dela Cruz, Atalig rule Chamber golf

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Joey Dela Cruz and J.J. Atalig proved to be the steadier duo as they topped the 2014 Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic held last Saturday on the west course of the Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort.

Atalig and Dela Cruz ended up in a three-way tie with the pairs of Michael Sablan and Ralph Yumul and Harry Nakamura and Luis S. Tilipao as even a slight drizzle did not dampen the mood of all three teams when they finished with similar scores of 69.40 in the men's double peoria-format tournament. In the first tiebreak (scorecards), the tandems of Dela Cruz and Atalig and Sablan and Yumul prevailed and the two remaining teams were forced to go to the 487-yard, par-5 18th playoff hole.

In the playoff, Sablan shot



even-par while Atalig eagled the hole to give him and Dela Cruz the win. Sablan and Yumul settled for second, while Nakamura and Tilipao finished third.

In the men's low gross, Adam Lee and Seon Lee were the best pair after combining for a 64 with a 31 and 33 at the front and back nines, respectively. Kenji Suzuki and Mit Suzuki of Japan came in second with a 65 (33 and 32) while Jason Yi and Park Joung Hoon finished with a third best 66 (34 and 32).

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J.J. Atalig, second left, and Joey dela Cruz, right, celebrate their victory with Steven Brownstein, left, and Nola Hix after winning the men's double peoria format of the 2014 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic last Saturday at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort.

6 age group swim marks fall

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 Six age group records were broken during the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's first meet for the 2014-2015 season held last week at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Tsunami Swimming Center



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Swimmers compete in the 50m backstroke race during the NMISF's first tournament for the 2014-2015 season held last Oct. 4 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Saipan's Nanaka Watanabe set three of those six marks, while her teammate Daime Rivera and Ashley Dangol earned the three other records. The 8-year-old Watanabe first shattered the 100m breaststroke mark in the girls U8 division. She completed the event in 1:44.35 to surpass her own mark (1:46.56) logged on May 31, 2014 during the Guam Swimming Championships in Hagatna.

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Southern, Mt. Carmel rout foes

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 and Mount Carmel School scored lopsided wins over their respective foes as games in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League finally pushed through last Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The SSHS Lady Manta Rays overcame a slow start in completing a 42-27 drubbing of the Kagman High School Lady Ayuyus, while the MCS Lady Knights used a balanced scoring in coasting to a 67-30 victory over defending champions MHS Lady Dolphins.

It was a helter-skelter first quarter as the Lady Rays and Ayuyus exchanged one sloppy play after another, resulting to a 9-6 tally in favor of Kagman at the end of the opening frame.

Southern's Mary Kay Alferos then finally found her shooting touch in the second period scoring all of her team's 13 points to give the Lady Mantas a 19-13 halftime spread. Alferos highlighted her second-quarter show with a three-pointer and a la-

yup off a steal from Kagman's Kelsey Lizama to turn the momentum to SSHS' side.

Kagman went scoreless for long period of times in the second

canto and was held to a dismal 4 points to lose the driver's seat.

Alferos, on the other hand,

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JON PEREZ
Kagman High School's Joelin Mettao, left, tries to get past the sticky defense of Saipan Southern High School's Florencia Manibusan during their game in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.